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California Synod
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MEETING FOR THE ORGANIZATION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

CONVENED IN

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 31, 1891,

AND OF THE

Second ~~FIRST~~ ANNUAL CONVENTION,

CONVENED IN

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 27th TO MAY 1st, 1892.

ALSO

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD AT

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 28th, 1892.

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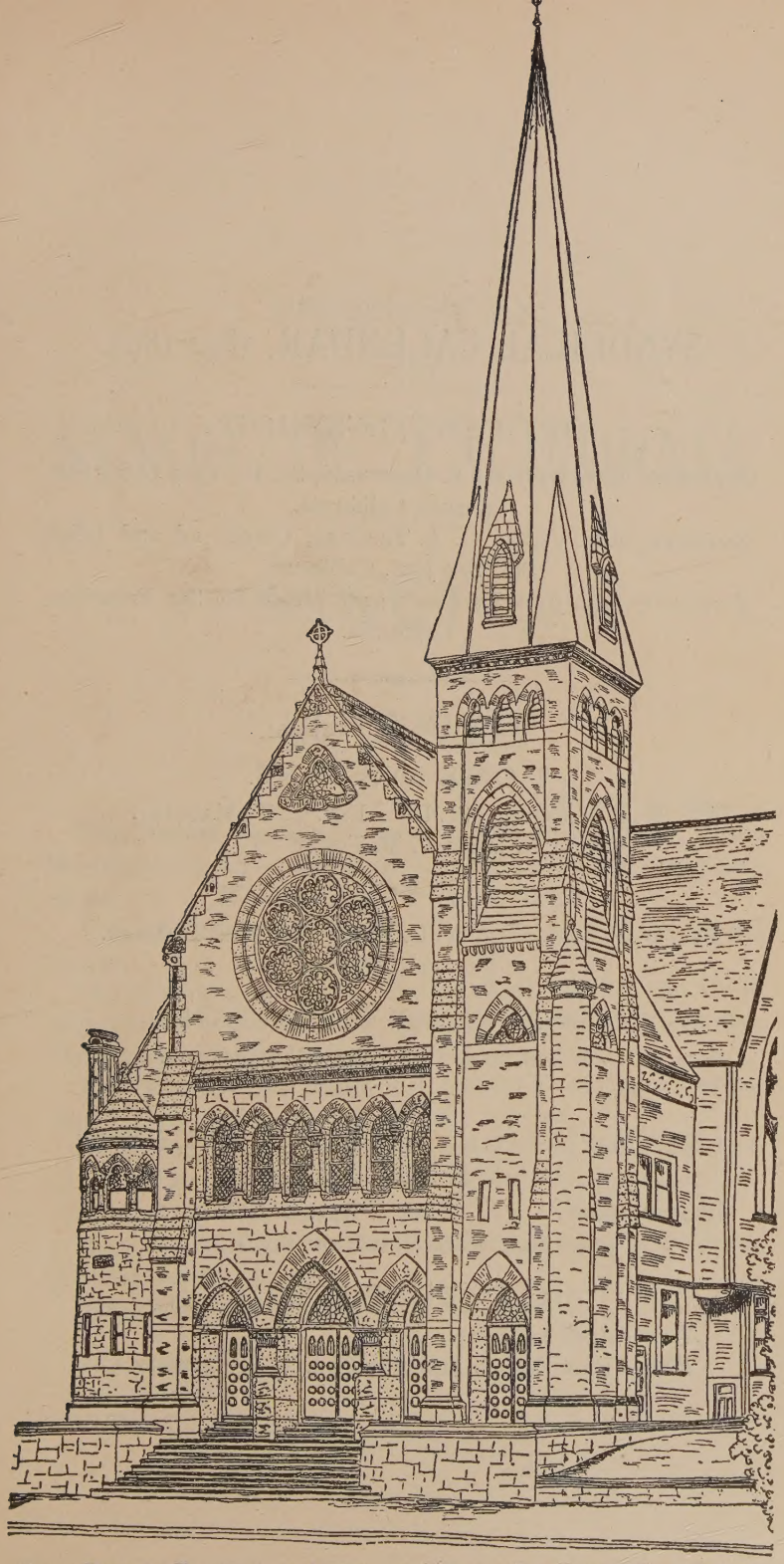

FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1892-1893.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. Winfield S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., 1309 O St., Sacramento, California.

Secretary—Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, Corner 2d and Julian Sts., San José, California.

Treasurer—Mr. John Everding, 2116 Mason St., San Francisco, California.

COMMITTEES.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D. Rev. C. W. Maggart.
Rrof. P. M. Fisher.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D. Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.
Rev. O. C. Miller.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Rev. Philip Graif.
Rev. J. S. Moser.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Rev. P. Graif. Rev. O. C. Miller.
Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Time—April 12, 1893.

Place—First English Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Cal.

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

MINUTES.

MORNING SESSION.

MARCH 31, 1891.

The meeting was called to order by electing Rev. O. C. Miller, temporary President, and Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, temporary Secretary.

The President read Scripture from Ps. cxxi.–cxxiv., and offered prayer.

On motion, a committee of three, Revs. Heisler and Graif, and Brother Davidson, were appointed to draft a Constitution and present the same to Synod at its next meeting.

Rev. Seward, of the Presbyterian Church, was presented by Rev. Heisler, and received as advisory member.

On motion, the time of meeting was fixed as follows: 9 o'clock in the morning for half hour of devotional exercises, Synod convening at 9 : 30 and closing at noon (12); convene again at 2 p. m., with fifteen minutes for devotion, and closing at 5 o'clock. Evening services at 7 : 30.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Seward.

MORNING SESSION.

April 1, 1891.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Graif.

Synod convened with prayer by the President.

On motion, Synod adjourned one-half hour to await the report of the Committee on Constitution.

On motion, the report was received and considered item by item.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Hamma.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions conducted by Rev. Wagner.

Synod convened with prayer by Rev. Wedekind, D. D.

The churches were instructed to report to the Home Missionary Committee annually instead of quarterly.

Rev. Uhl was excused from further attendance.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Davidson.

Rev. Graif preached at 7:30 p. m., from Matt. xxviii., last three verses.

MORNING SESSION.

April 2, 1891.

Devotions conducted by Bro. Davidson.

Synod convened with prayer by the President.

Reception of report of Constitutional Committee continued.

The Article "Process Against a Minister," as appearing in the Book of Worship, Section XII., was inserted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Synod proceeded to the formation of roll of members, as follows:

Clerical—Rev. O. C. Miller, San Francisco; Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento; Rev. C. W. Heisler, Los Angeles; Rev. E. R. Wagner, San Diego; Rev. Philip Graif, Oakland; Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL.D., San Diego; Rev. Wm. Uhl, Los Angeles; Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., Los Angeles.

Lay—Hon. Wm. Bosbyshell, Los Angeles; Prof. F. P. Davidson, San Diego; John Everding, San Francisco; Hon. Wm. Moller, Oakland.

The Secretary was authorized to transcribe the names of members of Synod to the Constitution.

Synod proceeded to the election of officers.

Rev. Miller was chosen President, Rev. Hoskinson, Secretary, and Mr. Jno. Everding, Treasurer.

The apportionment for objects named by the General Synod was directed to be paid to the Treasurer of Synod.

The Constitutional Committee were instruced to have three copies of the Constitution prepared in type writing, for the use of Synod, and General Synod, and Home Mission Board.

A committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Heisler and Bro. Moller, in connection with the pastor *loci*, to prepare a programme for the next meeting of Synod.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Wagner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod convened with prayer by the Secretary.

On motion, the thanks of Synod were extended to the "Evening Express" for their cordial notice of proceedings, also to the members of this church for kind hospitality.

The minutes were ordered to be held for publication with the next minutes of Synod, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish abstracts for the Church papers.

On motion, the time of next meeting of Synod was made to

be the second Wednesday evening after Easter, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

An Apportionment Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Hamma and Wagner, and Bro. Davidson, and instructed to apportion in addition to the objects named in Minutes of General Synod, $20.00 for Synod, and $50.00 for expenses of Home Missionary Committee.

Examining Committee—Revs. Hamma, Hoskinson and Heisler.

Home Missionary Committee—Revs. Miller, Heisler and Bro. Moller.

Church Extension Committee—Same.

The officers of Synod were instructed to incorporate and to provide a seal for Synod when necessary.

The Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for San Francisco as the place for next meeting of Synod. Invitation was received also from San Diego.

Secretary was instructed to purchase a suitable book for record of Minutes, also for the Treasurer.

Dr. Hamma was elected clerical delegate to General Synod, with Rev. Hoskinson as alternate. Prof. Davidson was elected lay delegate to General Synod, with Bro. Bosbyshell as alternate.

Committee on Education—Revs. Graif, Wagner and Uhl.

Synod closed with Hymn 434, and prayer by Dr. Hamma.

W. S. HOSKINSON, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

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FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

CONVENED IN

San Francisco, Cal., April 27th to May 1st., 1892.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1892, 7:45 P. M.

The First Annual Session of the Synod of California convened in the First English Lutheran Church, Geary street, between Gough and Octavia, San Francisco, California.

Rev. Oliver C. Miller, President of Synod, preached the opening sermon, from 2 Cor. v. 20: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ;" theme, "Ministerial Responsibility."

FIRST SESSION.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,
APRIL 28, 1892, THURSDAY, 9:45 A. M.

After devotional exercises, the Synod was regularly opened by the President, Rev. O. C. Miller.

The clerical roll was called, after which, upon the presentation of their credentials, the lay delegates were received and enrolled.

New Members.

The following new members were received on certificates of dismission from other Synods:

Rev. C. W. Maggart, from Kansas Synod.

Rev. J. S. Moser, from Virginia Synod.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, from Synod of Northern Illinois.

Advisory Members.

On motion, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and Rev. J. N. Lenker were received as advisory members.

Greetings.

These brethren were accorded the floor, and brought greetings from the Rocky Mountain Synod and the far East.

Synodical Roll.

Philip Graif	209 8th st., Oakland, Cal.	Prof. P. M. Fisher.
M. W. Hamma, D. D., *a. e.*	729 N. Fremont ave., Baltimore, Md.	
C. W. Heisler	718 W. 8th st., Los Angeles, Cal.	
W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	1309 O st., Sacramento, Cal.	L. W. Grothen.
C. W. Maggart	1443 Maple st., San Diego, Cal.	
O. C. Miller	2402 Bush st., San Francisco, Cal.	Jas. T. Hare.
J. S. Moser	Campbells, Santa Clara co., Cal.	
S. S. Sprecher, D.D., LL.D., *a. e.*	San Diego, Cal.	
V. G. A. Tressler	Cor. 2d and Julian, San José, Cal.	Prof. F. C. Gugel.
Wm. Uhl, *a. e.*	Los Angeles, Cal.	

a. e., absent and excused.

Pesident's Report.

The President's report of official acts during the synodical year was presented and referred to the proper committee.

Brethren and Fellow Servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: Let us rejoice together in the Lord by whose mercy we have been permitted to complete our first year's work as a Synod. It is with profound gratitude to the "Father of mercies" that I recount His goodness for the past synodical year, in submitting to you my report as first President of our Synod.

In the sunlight of rejoicing and good cheer, and beneath the clouds of discouragement, God's abiding faithfulness has kept us, and the faithful services rendered in Jesus' name have not been without His blessing and cheering signs of promise.

I. THE YEAR'S RECORD.

While none of our workmen have been called by the relentless hand of death to lay down their work, yet we are sorry to record the departure of two of our original clerical members to other fields. Especially do we regret that a change of climate has caused Rev. C. W. Heisler, the faithful pastor and founder of our church at Los Angeles, to relinquish his successful and important work in that city, and accept a call to the mountain district of Colorado, the beautiful city of Colorado Springs. We pray the richest blessing of our Father upon him and his family and the work, and that the marked success which attended his labors on the coast may be given him in his new field.

II. RESIGNATION AND DISMISSALS.

Rev. E. R. Wagner, Ph. D., of San Diego, informed me that on November 1st, he had resigned his pastorate to accept a call to St. Paul's mission church of Cincinnati, O., and subsequently applied for dismission to the Miami Synod, which has been granted. And in March, Rev. C. W. Heisler informed me that he had resigned the Los Angeles pastorate, to take effect about May 1st, having accepted a call to Colorado Springs, and would after the present session of Synod request a letter of dismission to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

III. ACCESSIONS.

Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, under appointment from our Home Mission Board, began work as missionary at San José, May 1st, and has presented his letter as licentiate from the Synod of Northern Illinois, and applies for ordination at this session of Synod. He is making full proof of his ministry in this most difficult field, having organized on the first Lord's day of the year with over twenty-five members, and since, the work has grown steadily and surely.

February —, Rev. J. S. Moser, of Salem, Va., having removed to Santa Clara Co., near Los Gatos, presented his certificate from the Virginia Synod, and is now enrolled as a member of our Synod.

Early in March, I received a letter from Rev. C. W. Maggart, of Salina, Kansas, stating that he had accepted a call to the San Diego Mission, and would take charge April 1st. A few days later, he sent me his letter of dismission from the Synod of Kansas, and his name was then placed upon our roll.

IV. CORNER-STONE LAYING.

October 11th, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson informed me that on the coming Lord's Day he desired to lay the corner-stone of our new church at Sacramento, requesting that Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., who was then in our city, be appointed to deliver the address and assist in the ceremonies, which he

kindly consented to do, and Sunday, August —, the corner-stone was laid, the clergymen of the city churches cordially participating in the ceremonies.

V. CHURCH OPENING.

On February 21st, the lecture room of our new church at Sacramento was opened, and consecration services held, the President of Synod preaching the opening sermon. Pastor Hoskinson was also assisted on this happy occasion by Rev. Philip Graif, of Oakland, who preached in the evening. About four hundred dollars were raised for the work.

VI. OUR RECEPTION BY THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., presented our credentials and application for admission to the General Synod in convention at Lebanon, Pa., in an impressive and appropriate address, in which he says: "We have launched the California Synod, we have nailed the old flag to the mast-head—the same that has floated over fifty millions of God's children, for three hundred and fifty years. You can trust us that not by our consent will ever the hand of disloyalty sully one fold of that flag. Under it we believe we shall achieve a destiny on the shore of the Pacific, than which there will be none greater in the country." After which our Synod, the 24th in its order, was heartily received.

VII. INSTALLATION.

The congregation at San Diego request that our Western Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., install their new pastor, Rev. C. W. Maggart, before he returns east. The President hereby conveys to him the request, in the hope that he can fulfill it, and also recommends that the mission at San José make application for the installation of their pastor, Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler.

VIII. MISCELLANY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We would call the attention of Synod to the importance of having our body incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

2. We recommend that the Northern Conference as provided for by our Constitution be organized, and that a meeting be held during the Synodical year.

3. We bring before the Synod the necessity for the printing and distribution of our minutes for this year and last, and recommend that our Constitution and By-laws be included.

4. In pursuance to instruction given your President at last session of Synod, he has procured a seal for its official papers, inscribed with the name of the Synod, and presenting an open Bible placed within the Golden Gate.

5. We also recommend that our Constitution be so amended as to include another officer known as Historical Secretary, and that his duties be prescribed by the Constitution.

6. Inasmuch as the work of our women of the General Synod is largely centred upon this coast, we deem it meet that we should show our apprecia-

tion of the same, by the organization of a Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and therefore have issued a call for the organization of such a Society, and recommend that their minutes be bound with those of our Synod; their Treasurer furnishing the *pro rata* for the payment of printing.

7. Whereas our Constitution as yet contains no By-Laws, we recommend that in accordance with Article XVII., Sec. 1, of our Constitution, we adopt the following:

BY-LAWS.

1. No subject shall be discussed without being first properly presented in the form of a written motion with a second, and the mover shall, with the consent of the second, have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before it is amended, or before the question is taken.

2. If any proposition or motion contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

3. An amendment to be in order must refer to the subject under consideration, nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except (1) to adjourn, (2) to lay on the table, (3) to close debate, (4) to postpone to a specified time, (5) to refer to a Committee, (6) to amend, (7) to postpone indefinitely, which motions shall take precedence in the order in which they are numbered.

5. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is on the floor speaking.

6. The motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be taken without debate.

7. The Yeas and Nays shall be taken on any question when requested by four members of the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Convention.

9. Before the close of the Convention the President shall appoint the Committee on Parochial Reports, on the State of the Church, and on Minutes of Synod. These Committees shall report early in the next Convention of Synod.

10. All the ministers and congregations must send their Parochial Reports to the Chairman of the Parochial Committee one week before the day of the assembling of Synod, and this Committee shall meet the day before the opening of Synod, arrange and complete, and be ready to report to Synod the full and complete parochial report. Whenever a pastor leaves a charge, he shall furnish to the President of Synod a parochial report up to the time of resignation, and until such report is furnished a letter of dismissal shall not be granted. Pastors shall also send to the Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church a report on that subject at the same time.

11. The Synodical year shall close one week before the day for the convening of Synod, and everything given and done after that day shall be credited as work of the new year.

8. The following letter from Secretary of General Synod calls for our action:

"YORK, PA., SEPT. 1ST, 1891.

"*To the California Synod:*

"On page 74 of the Minutes of the General Synod reference will be found to a proposed amendment to its Constitution. As such amendment requires the consent of two-thirds of the District Synods, it is herewith submitted to your Synod for action. The desire is to substitute in Art. V., Sec. 1, of the Constitution, in place of the words 'A majority' of the delegates,' the words found on page 204 in By-Law 4, 'A majority of delegates from a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod," which statement was found to be in conflict with the Constitution.

WM. S. FREAS, *Secretary of General Synod.*"

9. We gratefully record the generous gift from our esteemed brother, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., of $100 to our German Theological Seminary at Chicago, which he requests be accredited to our Synod, and return our thanks as a Synod for such a beautiful thought and deed.

In returning this trust, I pray that we may so acknowledge God and serve Him as to obtain His guidance at all times.

Respectfully submitted, OLIVER C. MILLER.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed Revs. Maggart and Tressler tellers. The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.

Secretary—Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler.

Treasurer—John Everding.

The Minutes of Organization of the Synod of California were read by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Secretary of that convention, and adopted.

Report of Delegate to General Synod at Lebanon, Pa.

Your delegate to Convention of General Synod at its last meeting at Lebanon, Pa., would respectfully report that the California Synod was most cordially received into connection with that General Body, and that your delegate was most warmly greeted as the representative of the Lutheran Church on the Pacific Coast. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that he is able to report that every subject brought before that distinguished and venerable Body, in relation to our work in California, was received not only with the most marked enthusiasm, but gained the profoundest attention and consideration.

The results of that wonderful meeting have been so widely published throughout the Church, that I need not here reiterate its unparalleled achievements. Suffice it to say that such steps of progress and enlargement were taken at that meeting as will bring our beloved Church into rapidly increasing prominence

and usefulness in our country, at which we may all thank God and take courage for the work.

Respectfully submitted, M. W. HAMMA, *Delegate.*

A letter of gratulation to the Synod of California and of regret at his enforced absence was received from Rev. Dr. Hamma.

Telegrams of greeting came from Washington, D. C., sent by Rev. Dr. Hamma and Dr. G. G. Burnett—1 Thess., 1st chapter, from "Grace be unto you" to fifth verse.

By order of Synod, the Secretary wired response: "2 Thess. v. 23."

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.

Hours of meeting and adjournment of this synodical convention were fixed as follows:

Devotional exercises—9 to 9:30 a. m.; 2 to 2:15 p. m.

Business sessions—9:30 to 12 m.; 2:15 to 5 p. m.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Philip Graif.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1892, 2 P. M.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. C. W. Maggart, after which the Synod convened, being led in prayer by Rev. O. C. Miller.

The roll was called, and minutes of the morning session read and adopted.

American Bible Society.

Rev. John Thompson, D. D., of the American Bible Society, was introduced to the Synod, and granted time to present the work of his organization; after which the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with pleasure the remarks of Rev. John Thompson, D. D., representative of the American Bible Society, in regard to the interests and work of that Society.

2. That we most heartily endorse the work of the American Bible Society, and express our sincere and profound sympathy in its operations, and in the particular efforts of Dr. Thompson in this state, and assure him of a hearty welcome to all our pulpits, and that in so far as possible we shall aid his cause with substantial contributions in our various churches.

The President then submitted the following

List of Committees.

1. *On President's Report*—Rev. C. W. Maggart and Prof. F. C. Gugel.

2. *On Minutes of General Synod*—Rev. Philip Graif and J. T. Hare.

3. *On Minutes of California Synod*—Rev. V. G. A. Tressler and L. W. Grothen.

4. *On Parochial Reports*—Revs. C. W. Heisler and J. S. Moser.

5. *On Letters and Petitions*—Rev. O. C. Miller and L. W. Grothen.

6. *On Apportionments*—Rev. J. S. Moser and Rev. P. Graif.

7. *On Leave of Absence and Absentees*—Rev. C. W. Heisler and Prof. P. M. Fisher.

8. *On State of Religion*—Rev. P. Graif and J. T. Hare.

9. *Auditing Committee*—Rev. C. W. Maggart and Prof. P. M. Fisher.

10. *Devotional Committee*—Rev. O. C. Miller and Officers of Synod.

11. *On Sunday-school Work*—Rev. V. G. A. Tressler and Rev. C. W. Heisler.

By request of Synod, Rev. Dr. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, addressed the body upon the "General Status of our Work in the Field," after which some time was given to a discussion of our mission field in California. Remarks were made by Revs. Miller, Tressler, Graif, Heisler, Barnitz and Lenker. The following places among others were mentioned as having known Lutheran material, and being worthy of attention by our church: Stockton, Fresno, Pasa Robles, Ferndale, San Bernardino, Riverside, Colton, Redlands, Pasadena and Santa Rosa. Action was deferred until Home Mission Committee should be ready to report.

Time for adjournment having arrived, the session was closed with prayer by Rev. J. N. Lenker.

EVENING SERVICE.

The evening was devoted to Church Extension. Opening service conducted by Rev. O. C. Miller and Rev. V. G. A. Tressler. The Church Extension address was then given by Rev. J. N. Lenker, Western Representative of this Board.

THIRD SESSION.

San Francisco, Cal., Friday, 9 a. m., April 29, 1892.

Devotional services were led by Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler. At 9.30 Synod convened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.

The roll was called and minutes read and approved.

On motion an adjournment was taken to allow further time for preparation of Committee reports.

10:30. Synod reconvened at call of President, and listened to Reports of Committees.

Report of Committee No. 7—On Absentees.

Your Committee report that the papers placed in your hands consist of a letter received from Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., giving satisfactory reasons for his absence from this convention of Synod. Verbal excuses have also been received from Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., and Rev. Wm. Uhl.

We recommend that these three brethren be excused from attendance at this convention of Synod.

C. W. HEISLER,
P. M. FISHER.

Report of Committee No. 10—Devotional Committee.

Your Devotional Committee report that they have discharged the duties allotted to them.

OLIVER C. MILLER, and Officers of Synod.

Report of Committee No. 5—On Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions report that they have received all such papers, and placed them in the hands of the proper Committees.

OLIVER C. MILLER,
L. W. GROTHEN.

Board of Education.

Dr. S. B. Barnitz, Vice-President of the Board of Education, addressed the Synod on the work of the Board, its growth and needs.

On motion, an apportionment of ten cents per member was legalized by the Synod of California for Beneficiary Education.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. W. Maggart.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH, 1892, 2 P. M.

After devotional exercises, Synod convened with prayer by Rev. Oliver C. Miller.

Roll was called, and minutes of the morning session read and adopted.

On motion, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society were granted the hour of 3 : 30 p. m. to officially notify the Synod of their organization.

Report of Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's First Annual Report, Synod of California, 1892.

From April 2, 1891, to April 26, 1892.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Synodical Treasury.	General Synod.	Orphans' Home.	Pastors' Fund.	Total.
Collection at Los Angeles		. . .		. . .	$11 46	. .	. .	.	$11 46
San Francisco	$48 72	$48 72	$48 85	$13 92	22 00	$1 00	. .	$11 60	194 81
Los Angeles	24 00	25 00	22 50	6 00	5 00	3 00	. .	. . .	85 50
Oakland	23 55	15 00	30 75	11 00	. .	. .	$6 00	. . .	86 35
Sacramento	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	. .	1 00	24 00
San Diego	15 00	11 00	15 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	. .	. . .	50 00
San José	7 50	4 00	7 50	3 00	2 00	1 00	. .	. . .	25 00
Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D.	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	15 00	.	. .	. . .	15 00
Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., for Ger. Theol. Sem., Chicago	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. .	100 00
Amount received	123 77	108 72	129 60	$38 92	$65 46	$7 00	$6 00	$12 60	592 12
Amount remitted	123 77	108 72	129 60	38 92	. . .	7 00	6 00	12 60	526 66
Cash in Treas., April 26, 1892.				. .	65 46				

J. EVERDING, *Treasurer.*

Parochial Reports.

(See Appendix.)

On motion a pro rata assessment of ten cents per member was levied on the churches for synodical purposes.

On motion the Secretary was authorized, after the reading of parochial reports, to call the roll of churches and ask each pastor "Have you raised your apportionment? If not, why not?"

Resolved, That the Secretary be empowered to prepare and send out with the parochial blank, a blank for Report on State of Religion, with suitable questions to be answered on public worship, prayer-meetings, family religion, Sunday-schools, benevolence and miscellaneous.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

This report placed in our hands indicates that the President has kept a careful oversight of the work entrusted to his care. While we sorrow that some of our brethren are leaving us for other fields of labor, yet we also rejoice that their places are being filled, and new fields are opening and more workers are offering themselves for the fields. We would recommend:

First, That the time-honored custom of installation be adhered to by all our pastors and churches.

Second, That the officers of Synod be hereby empowered to proceed at once to have our Synod incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

Third, That 1,000 copies of the minutes of Synod for last and this year, be printed and distributed according to membership of different churches.

Fourth, We record with pleasure the organization of a Synodical Society among our women, and recommend that their proceedings be printed with ours.

Fifth, That the Constitution and By-laws of Synod and Synodical Society be printed with the minutes.

Sixth, That in accordance with the Constitution we adopt the By-laws as recommended by the President.

Seventh, That the official acts of the President be, and are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. MAGGART,
F. C. GUGEL.

Adopted item by item, and, as a whole.

Constitutional Amendment.

Synod was given notice of a proposed Constitutional Amendment as follows:

I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of Synod there will be presented the following amendment to the Constitution:

Art. IV., Sec. 1, of our Constitution be so amended as to read, "The officers of this Synod shall be a President, a Secretary, an Historian and a Treasurer, the last of whom may be a layman."

And that under Art. V., Sec. 4, there be added, prescribing the duties of Historian as follows: "He shall collect all statistics attainable of each of the churches, keep an historical record of the organization of the churches and Synod, and all the important events in the history and progress of each of the churches of the Synod, and shall render a report at each Convention of Synod."

O. C. MILLER.

The special time for the presentation of the work of the Board of Church Extension having arrived, the Synod was addressed by the Board's Western Secretary, Rev. J. N. Lenker.

Synod then listened to the report of the organization of the Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, presented by Mrs. S. E. B. Myers.

It was resolved that,

"We have listened with pleasure to the remarks of Mrs. Myers, President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of California, and that we, as members of this Synod, will use our best efforts for the furtherance of the woman's work in our respective fields."

Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod.

Your Committee after carefully examining the Minutes of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, held at Lebanon, Pa., May 20–29, 1891, would respectfully submit the following:

1. Judging not simply from the glowing columns of the Church papers, which at the time dilated upon the enthusiasm and rare unity of sentiment and action, and brilliancy and greatness of the Lebanon Convention, but looking mainly at the statistical figures and mere business routine as set forth in these Minutes, we find that that hour was indeed an epoch-making one in the history of our particular Zion in this country.

The roll-call of delegates, lay and clerical, outnumbered any previous showing.

The reports of the Benevolent Boards were a revelation in the way of an advance in the grace of giving. By comparing the results of 1868 with 1891, the percentage of improvement in this respect stood forth in sharp and gratifying contrast. Home Missions, Church Extension, Foreign Missions and the Board of Education, gave to the General Synod a thrill of elation over the many-sided facts of progress.

HOME MISSIONS.

According to the Secretary's report, 135 missions have been aided by the Board during the last two years, to the extent of $77,054.90, and 151 workers

supported in these varied and highly promising fields. In view of the augumented demands and the splendid outlook, $40,000 per annum were apportioned to be raised by the twenty-six or twenty-seven District Synods.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Here the mass of facts and figures was no less inspiring, setting forth the work accomplished in India and Africa. Along the lines of the Zenana department brilliant success has been achieved, and the Arthur G. Watts Memorial College is a monument of wise beneficence. The total receipts for the last two years amounted to the grand sum of $97,543.92. $35,000 annually was the amount set apart on the apportionment.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

This branch of service has been pushing on with great vigor, as the data furnished quite amply proved. Seventy-five congregations were assisted in point of loans and donations to the amount of $38,453.61. The itemized statements show a marvel of progress and activity.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The financial exhibit is reassuring. The affairs of Midland College at Atchison, Kan., and of Carthage College, Illinois, deserve the fullest attention and interest. Augustus Kountze's munificent offer of $150,000 for the planting of a Western Theological Seminary at Omaha, Neb., was hailed with a storm of applause and a Pentecostal experience. It is devoutly hoped that this magnificent gift may be realized.

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The achievement of this noble band of workers is most noteworthy. From their first contribution to that of the last their results have been remarkably fine and high. At their first biennial meeting $7,007.93 were reported, and at the last $36,244.16, and since their organization a grand total of $139,971.19 has been raised. Under their auspices 584 auxiliary societies are in a flourishing condition, and it is fervently hoped that many more will be organized in due time.

In view of the instructions of General Synod we would recommend the following:

1. That we urge our congregations to organize Auxiliary Societies wherever such have not yet been founded.

2. That we call special attention to the worth and helpfulness of the *Missionary Journal* as an important adjunct to mission interest and work.

3. That we approve the request for an increased amount of apportionment in behalf of the different Boards.

4. That we observe with fitting services the Day of Prayer for Colleges, giving emphasis to the urgent need of the important work of the Board of Education, and taking up a special offering thereto.

5. That we lay particular stress on the necessity of increasing the number of candidates for our Christian ministry.

6. That we heartily appreciate the joy felt by the General Synod over the organization of the California and the Rocky Mountain Synods.

7. The growth of the Lutheran Church has indeed been phenomenal and unprecedented. The gains in churches, and membership and development of the grace of giving since 1868, read more like chapters of romance or transcripts of the history of apostolic days, than a real picture of latter-day events. These facts being plain and undisputed, we would commend to your kind action the foregoing considerations.

PHILIP GRAIF,
JOSEPH T. HARE.

Report adopted as a whole.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Smyser.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1892, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. S. Moser.

Synod convened with prayer by Rev. C. W. Heisler.

Vacant Charges.

Rev. Heisler reported that the church at Los Angeles would be vacant May 1st, but would be supplied by Rev. J. S. Moser.

Reception of German Lutheran Ministers.

Inasmuch as a Synodical organization of the German Lutheran ministers on this coast, in sympathy with the General Synod, has not been effected; therefore,

Resolved, That we invite our German Lutheran brethren of the ministry with their congregations in this State, who are in full sympathy with us in doctrine and life, to unite with this California Synod.

Sabbath Observance.

In view of the growing disregard of the Christian Sabbath, and the arrogant and determined efforts of its enemies to destroy its sanctity and effectually secure its flagrant desecration; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this body hereby expresses its profound regard and unalterable loyalty to this sacred institution, and rejoices and will co-operate in all proper efforts to preserve it inviolable as the Christian rest-day.

2. That we petition Congress to grant no loan or appropriation to the World's Columbian Exposition, except on the distinctly-expressed condition that said Exposition shall be closed on Sundays.

3. That our Secretary be instructed to communicate these resolutions to Hons. Leland Stanford and Charles N. Felton, our State Senators, and to Hon. John Tyler Cutting, representing this district in Congress.

Apportionment for Synodical Year, 1892-1893.

	Members.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education	Pastors' Fund.	Beneficiary Education.	General Synod Treasury	Synodical Treasury.	Totals.
. . . . .		22½	25	22½	6¼	5	10	2	10	$1 03¼
San Francisco.	240	$54 00	$60 00	$54 00	$15 00	$12 00	$24 00	$4 80	$24 00	247 80
Oakland. . .	70	15 75	17 50	15 75	4 38	3 50	7 00	1 40	7 00	72 28
San Diego . .	75	16 87	18 75	16 87	4 67	3 75	7 50	1 50	7 50	77 41
San José . . .	40	9 00	10 00	9 00	2 50	2 00	4 00	80	4 00	41 30
Sacramento .	79	17 77	19 75	17 77	4 97	3 95	7 90	1 58	7 90	81 59
Los Angeles .	126	28 35	31 50	28 35	7 88	6 30	12 60	2 52	12 60	130 10

J. S. MOSER,
PHILIP GRAIF,
Committee.

Auditing Committee's Report.

Your Auditing Committee would respectfully report that we have examined the books of the Treasurer and vouchers, and find them to agree.

C. W. MAGGART,
P. M. FISHER.

"Golden Gate Lutheran."

Resolved, That this Synod commend the *Golden Gate Lutheran* for the good it has done on this coast in spreading General Synod Lutheranism.

Resolved, That Revs. Graif, Maggart and Tressler are hereby appointed a Committee to confer with Rev. O. C. Miller, editor of *Golden Gate Lutheran*, as to publishing a monthly paper, representing all the charges of this Synod, with power to act.

Representatives of Church Boards.

WHEREAS, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Vice-President of the Board of Education, and Rev. J. N. Lenker, Western Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, have together attended our convention throughout with marked devotion to our interests, and uttered such wise and inspiring words to us in our work; therefore,

Resolved, That we have heard these representatives of the Boards with decided pleasure and profit.

Resolved, That we profoundly rejoice at the increased gifts to the Boards.

Resolved, That we pledge our hearty co-operation with the Boards, and that we will put forth every effort to raise at least our full apportionment.

In view of the great power of the saloon and its influence in our State for evil; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod and its members use every means in our power to

stay the tide of King Alcohol in our midst, and lend our influence to sweep the monster from our shores.

C. W. MAGGART.

Report of Committee No. 3—On Minutes of Last Synod of California.

Your Committee has examined the manuscript copy of the Minutes of California Synod of 1891, and calls the attention of Synod to the following resolutions:

1. Resolution requesting the purchase of books for Treasurer and Secretary. Has this been attended to?

2. Resolution that seal be prepared for the Synod. Has it been done?

3. Resolution that three copies of minutes be prepared in typewriting and handed to the officers of Synod. Have the officers received such transcripts?

4. Resolutions that Synod be incorporated. Have articles of incorporation been taken out?

V. G. A. TRESSLER,
L. W. GROTHER.

Response to Queries.

No. 1. No money in treasury to make the purchases.

No. 2. Yes.

No. 3. No.

No. 4. Owing to expense, it has not been done.

Resolved, That both Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to get suitable books, drawing on the treasury for requisite funds.

Resolved, That order be drawn on Treasury for expense of seal.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be empowered to take out articles of incorporation for the Synod, drawing on Treasurer for the expense involved.

Committee on the State of Religion.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following:

The contents of the parochial reports and other sources of information lead us to believe that our congregations are all in a highly prosperous condition. Perhaps no Synod can show a more satisfactory record along all lines of church work. Though some lament partial failure in raising the full apportionment, the grace of giving is being conscientiously cultivated. In point of church architecture, we seem to have reached an excellent standard, as evidenced in sanctuaries of tasteful design, which are quite nicely and comfortably furnished. But even better than material progress is our spiritual status—brethren dwelling in the bonds of peaceful brotherhood, and a general lifting of the tone of practical piety. Catechisation receives emphasis and deserved recognition. An inspiring omen is the founding of a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Synodical Society, and the vigor with which Young People's Societies are

being nurtured and developed, and the wide-spread circulation which the *Missionary Journal* is richly enjoying. There are unquestionably dark shadows also, here and there, but the lights clearly predominate.

PHILIP GRAIF,
JAS. T. HARE.

Resolutions on Rev. Heisler.

WHEREAS, Rev. C. W. Heisler has resigned his work at Los Angeles to take work at Colorado Springs, Colo., thus severing his connection with this Synod;

Resolved, That we part with him with heartfelt sorrow, and pray the divine blessing upon him in his new field of labor.

Resolved, That we place on record our high appreciation of him as a brother beloved, and of his most successful work as founder and first pastor of the Los Angeles Mission, as also an efficient factor in the organization of this Synod, and shall ever cherish the memory of his connection and co-operation with us.

Resolved, That he be requested to bear the greetings of this Synod to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Report of Home Mission Committee.

Your Committee on Home Missions respectfully submit the following tabulated statement of the condition of the Missions in the bounds of this Synod:

Missions	5
Communicant Membership	390
Additions during the Year	171, net gain, 133
Losses during the Year	38
Infant Baptisms	39

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Teachers and Officers	58
Scholars	452
Money Contributed	$569 00

MONEY RAISED FOR

Local Objects	$9984 15
Home Missions	75 00
Foreign Missions	60 00
Church Extension	80 75
Education	25 00
California Synod	17 00
Pastors' Fund	12 60
General Synod	6 00
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	34 00
Total Benevolence	310 35
Total for all	$10294 50

We recommend:

1. That we hear with satisfaction the encouraging reports and present condition of the missions.

2. That in view of the various openings presenting themselves where work could be inaugurated, and yet which do not justify the entire labors of one

man at present, we request the Board of Home Missions to appoint one or more district missionaries for California, the Board to confer with the Advisory Committee of this Synod as to points and details of plan.

3. The Committee has entailed an expense of $12.50 for its services.

OLIVER C. MILLER,
C. W. HEISLER,
WILLIAM MOLLER.

Resolution on Loan to Oakland Church.

Your Committee on Church Extension, having carefully considered the matter, move that this Synod heartily endorse, under the existing circumstances, the application of the First English Lutheran church of Oakland, Cal., to the Board of Church Extension of the General Synod, for a loan of five thousand dollars; and that the Secretary transmit this resolution in time for action at the May meeting of the Board.

OLIVER C. MILLER,
C. W. HEISLER,
WILLIAM MOLLER.

On motion, each pastor was requested, when minutes are received, to take a collection for the Synodical Fund.

Printing of Minutes.

Resolved, That a page of our printed minutes be given to the publication of the Lutheran Statistics in stereotype form at our Publication House.

That the second page of cover be given to the corporate names and titles of our General Synod and Auxiliary Societies.

That the last page of cover be given to Midland College.

That the pictures of the churches at San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento, be printed in the minutes as the places where the first, second and third sessions of Synod were held.

Church Papers.

Resolved, That we heartily commend to our people our church papers.

Resolution of Thanks.

Moved that the President of Synod be instructed to return thanks publicly to the pastor, council and ladies of this church, for their cordial welcome and entertainment of this Synod.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. S. Moser.

SIXTH SESSION.

2 P. M., SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1892.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. P. Graif.

Minutes of previous session read and adopted.

The following committees were appointed:

State of Churches and Religion.—Rev. P. Graif and V. G. A. Tressler.

Minutes of This Year's Synod.—Revs. J. S. Moser and C. W. Maggart.

Parochial Reports.—Revs. C. W. Maggart and O. C. Miller.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, SACRAMENTO.
COXHEAD AND COXHEAD ARCHITECTS.

Next Convention.

By invitation of the First English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, the next session of Synod will convene at Sacramento, California, on the second Wednesday evening after Easter.

Synod adjourned with prayer by President Hoskinson, to meet in Ministerium.

After adjournment of Ministerium, Synod reconvened, and finally adjourned with prayer to meet on the second Wednesday after Easter, 1893, in the First English Evangelical Lutheran church, Sacramento, California.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct report of the proceedings of the first annual convention of the Synod of California of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, held in the First English Evangelical Lutheran church of San Francisco, Cal., Rev. O. C. Miller, pastor, April 27th to May 1st, 1892.

VICTOR G. A. TRESSLER, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIUM.

San Francisco, California,
Saturday, April 30, 1892, 1:30 p. m.

The Ministerium of the Synod of California opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.

Rev. C. W. Maggart was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

Report of Committee on Licensure and Ordination.

The Committee on Licensure and Ordination made the following report:

1. That they have carefully examined the papers, sermons, etc., placed in their hands by Licentiate Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, and in addition to this have had a personal conference with him, with highly satisfactory results. We hereby recommend that he be ordained to the holy ministry.

2. That Mr. H. Gehrcke has also appeared before your Committee and sustained satisfactory examination upon the points required by your Constitution. We recommend his licensure for one year.

C. W. HEISLER,
W. S. HOSKINSON,
Committee.

Adopted as a whole.

On motion the time for the licensure and ordination was set for the following Lord's Day, morning service, May 1st, 1892.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. O. C. Miller.

C. W. MAGGART, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastor's Name and Address.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses.			Accessions.					Communicant Membership.	Finances.			
							Deaths.	Certificate.	Excommunication and other losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.		Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	
Oliver C. Miller, 2402 Bush st., San Francisco, Cal.	First English Evan. Lutheran church	1	..	2	..	....	....	....	....	20	....	27	6	17	240	$55000 00	$8750 00	$7203 27	1
C. W. Heisler, 718 W. 8th st., Los Angeles, Cal.	First English Evan. Lutheran church	1	..	1	..	...	...	1	4	16	5	2	7	13	126	24000 00	7900 00	2006 93	2
C. W. Maggart, 1443 Maple st., San Diego, Cal.	First English Lutheran	1	..	2	..	....	....	10	40	....	...	....	....	..	75	5000 00	2200 00	550 00	3
Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, 1309 O st., Sacramento, Cal.	Sacramento	1	..	1	..	...	1	4	9	12	2	5	1	7	79	14000 00	*1000 00	5498 00	4
Philip Graif, 209 8th st., Oakland, Cal.	First English Evan. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	10	2	7	10	6	5	19	26	39	70	.....	.....	1586 15	5
Victor G. A. Tressler, 329 N. 3d st., San José, Cal.	Grace English Evan. Lutheran	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	5	6	10	12	12	40	.....	.....	343 07	6
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* 3000 of this loan from Church Extension.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA—*Continued.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.						BENEVOLENCE.												
					CONTRIBUTIONS														
	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	..	15	200	.....	.....	$2 00	$22 00	$48 72	$48 72	$48 72	$13 92	.....	$20 00	$11 60	.....	$200 00	$415 68	$7618 95
2	1	.	11	100	$100 00	$25 00	3 00	5 00	24 00	25 00	22 50	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 50	2092 43
3	1	..	12	50	92 00	8 00	1 00	5 00	15 00	11 00	15 00	3 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	20 00	95 00	645 00
4	1	..	13	130	198 00	10 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	20 00	44 00	5542 00
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STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutherans in all Lands.

EUROPE.	Ministers	Churches	Baptized Members
Germany	15,550	20,450	28,369,000
Denmark	1,739	1,907	1,769,582
Sweden	2,418	2,108	4,677,176
Norway	869	960	1,795,814
Iceland	180	300	70,000
Faroe Islands	22	22	11,221
Finland, Russia	800	1,002	2,176,421
Poland, Russia	72	104	300,000
Remaining Russia	520	1,132	2,551,403
Austria	183	523	292,866
Hungary	718	1,162	1,130,150
France	124	95	80,655
Netherlands	67	58	73,696
Great Britain	26	48	30,000
Italy	12	13	9,000
Roumania	11	11	6,776
Servia	1	1	800
Bulgaria	1	1	120
Switzerland	8	9	11,095
Heligoland	1	1	1,913
Total in Europe	23,322	30,207	43,357,688
ASIA.			
Palestine	15	9	700
Hindoostan	134	86	67,926
China	26	18	4,679
Asiatic Russia	18	19	12,000
On Black Sea	5	5	3,716
Orient	7	7	1,948
Total in Asia	205	144	90,969
AFRICA.			
North Africa, Egypt	2	2	870
North Africa, Algeria	10	23	5,000
West Africa	40	20	9,264
South Africa	209	158	58,893
South Africa, Colonists	24	29	22,170
East Africa	10	4	140
Central Africa	11	2	100
Madagascar	42	404	40,000
Total in Africa	348	642	136,437
OCEANICA.			
Australia, Colonists	76	252	100,000
Australia, Foreign Missions	10	7	281
New Zealand	14	14	10,643
Hawaiian Islands	1	4	1,000
Borneo	9	6	1,063
Sumatra	17	15	12,850
New Guinea	5	4	130
Feejee Islands	1	1	100
Samoa Islands	1	1	127
Total in Oceanica	134	304	125,694
NORTH AMERICA.			
United States and Canada	4,830	8,601	6,600,000
Greenland	15	12	10,000
West Indies	3	4	1,500
Total in North America	4,848	8,617	6,611,500
SOUTH AMERICA.			
Argentine Republic	2	5	6,000
Brazil	40	54	80,000
British Guiana	1	5	500
Chili	3	6	4,000
Paraguay	0	0	350
Uruguay	1	1	1,400
Venezuela	1	1	1,000
Total in South America	48	72	98,250
SUMMARY.			
Europe	23,322	30,207	43,357,688
Asia	205	144	90,969
Africa	348	642	136,437
Oceanica	134	304	125,694
North America	4,848	8,617	6,611,500
South America	48	72	98,250
Jewish Missions	20	23	.....
Total in World	28,925	40,009	50,420,538

Lutherans in all Languages.

The Lutheran is a church of man
guages. The latest statistics show
of her baptized membership throu
the world 32,000,000 speak German,
000 Swedish, 2,500,000 Norwegian,
000 Danish, 2,048,000 Finnish, 1,2
English, 1,113,000 Hungarian, 6
Livonian, 480,000 Courlandish, 2
Esthonian, 80,000 French, 70,000
landic, 48,000 Bohemian, and th
every other civilized tongue she i
represented. The Lutheran Ch
though taking its origin in Ger
knows no fatherland or mother to
She is at home everywhere.

Lutherans in the United States

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Church is doing Christian work in t
different languages, and has 4,830
ters, 8,601 churches, and 1,111,683
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logical seminaries, twenty-five co
forty-eight seminaries and acad
fifty-seven orphan homes and hos
and 144 church papers, of which
nine are English, fifty-four Germa
enteen Swedish, fourteen Norw
four Danish, three Finnish, on
landic, and two French.

26 Lutheran Foreign Missionary So
report as follows:

Stations, 357; foreign workers, 4
dained and 260 lay; native worke
ordained and 3,246 lay; female wo
173; baptized members, 188,020; sc
1,437; scholars, 66,742; native con
tions, $25,253.08; income, $881,8
fields of work—Africa, India, San
Islands, China, Abyssinia, Poly
Greenland, South America.

Growth of English Lutheran

The General Synod, the pione
strength of English Lutheranism
had a rapid growth, as will be seen
the following figures, although les
half of the members remained in h
nection in 1867 after the unfortun
vision:—

Year.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Com*
1821	113	350	
1864	955	1825	
1867	579	944	
1868	572	956	
1891	1002	1450	

J. N. LEN

NOTE.—Many pastors have had the abov
inserted in their local secular papers.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Woman's Synodical Home and Foreign Missionary Society,

HELD IN

San Francisco, on April 28th, 1892.

Early in April, Mrs. Philip Graif, of Oakland, and Mrs. John Everding, of San Francisco, issued a joint circular letter to the members of the various Missions of the Evangelical English Lutheran Church in the State, requesting them to meet in convention, during the sitting of the Synod of California, in San Francisco.

As the result of this invitation, a meeting was held in the parlors of the First English Lutheran church of San Francisco, on the afternoon of Thursday, April 28th, 1892.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Everding, who stated briefly that the object for which the meeting had been called was the formation of a Synodical Missionary Society, and upon her nomination Mrs. Susan E. Bittle Myers was appointed chairman, and Miss Minnie K. Love, secretary *pro tem.*

The usual opening exercises were then conducted by Mrs. Everding and Mrs. Myers, after which the roll was called for the purpose of ascertaining what members were present from the various missionary societies that had been organized among the churches throughout the State. Three of these were found to

have delegates present, namely, Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco.

The delegate from Los Angeles reported that their Society had been in active operation for a period of six years, and was now looking forward most hopefully to the future prospects of the organization.

The delegate from Oakland stated that the Society there was still juvenile, and while the period of its existence was only twelve months, reported the outlook as very encouraging.

San Francisco gave an account of the formation of their Society, three months ago.

Delegates presented their credentials, and were duly received.

After these, a Young Peoples' Society was reported from San Diego, which unfortunately was without a representative at the convention.

Sacramento, San José and San Diego then reported that steps had been taken for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Society in each of these places.

It being advisable to frame a Constitution for the Society, the chairwoman appointed a committee of three for this purpose, namely, Mrs. J. Everding, Mrs. Philip Graif, and Mrs. W. H. Moller, who at once retired, and while the committee was so employed a recess was taken.

On the return of the committee, they recommended the Constitution framed by the Synodical Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Maryland, which they presented, should be adopted. This Constitution was then read by the chairwoman, and was adopted as the basis of that of the Society, only such alterations being made as were necessary in designating the place of meeting and hour most suitable to the needs of the Society.

The next business before the meeting being the election of officers, Mrs. Graif proposed Mrs. Myers as President for the ensuing year. The nomination being accepted, she was unanimously elected to the position, after which Mrs. Myers, in thanking the Convention for the honor bestowed, said:

"Dear sisters of the Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, I sincerely appreciate the honor that you have conferred upon me by my election as your first President. I feel it to be a tribute to the memory of

the distinguished Lutheran ministers, with whom it was my privilege to labor for many years in the Lutheran Church. Both were devoted to its best interests, and their noble souls ardently desired to see the establishment of an English Lutheran Church in California. One sleeps where the stormy, restless Atlantic unceasingly chants his requiem; the other, in the lonely grave in Shasta, the first Lutheran minister to find his last repose in California. Let us believe that their souls are rejoicingly with us to-day, bringing us inspiration from the courts of heaven, and bearing thither our prayers for divine assistance. I shall endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability, relying upon our Saviour for His blessing in our labors."

Mrs. John Everding was on unanimous vote elected First Vice President.

Mrs. Dr. Hoskinson, of Sacramento, Second Vice-President.

Mrs. Maggart, of San Diego, Third Vice-President.

Miss Minnie R. Love, of San Francisco, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. W. H. Moller, of Oakland, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Philip Graif, of Oakland, Treasurer.

Mrs. Miller, of San Francisco, Mrs. Maggart, of San Diego, Mrs. Zabriskie, of San José, and Mrs. S. A. Garrett, of Los Angeles, to form the Committee on Literature.

The motto proposed and adopted by the Society was, "She hath done what she could."

Mrs. C. W. Heisler was then requested by the President to furnish information concerning the work in Los Angeles, and in response gave a most interesting account of the work that had been accomplished by their Society during the six years that it had been in existence, furnishing many valuable suggestions for the guidance of the associated Societies. Several interesting reports followed, illustrating the state of the various missions, and other religious interests, which were highly oppreciated. Mrs. Heisler urged each member to subscribe for the *Missionary Journal*, as a means of education on the work that the Society had before it, and likewise of quickening their interest by seeing the progress of kindred Societies.

The President then read a letter from Mrs. Dr. Hamma, regretting her inability to attend the meeting, but sending her greeting and assuring the members that, though absent in body, she was still present in spirit with the Convention.

The thanks of the Society were then returned to the President

by a rising vote, after which a hymn was sung, and the meeting dismissed after prayer by Mrs. Myers.

MINNIE R. LOVE,
Recording Secretary.

Addresses of Officers.

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Constitution of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This association shall be called the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

ARTICLE II.

AIM.

It shall be the aim of this Society to promote the organization of Home and Foreign Missionary Societies in all the churches of the Synod, to disseminate missionary intelligence, to cultivate a missionary spirit, and to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in supporting missions and missionaries and erecting churches and other buildings under the control of the General Society.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

All women who are members of Auxiliary Societies, or pay the sum of one

dollar annually, shall be members of this Society. The payment of ten dollars at one time shall constitute life membership in the General Society. Gentlemen may become honorary members of this Society by the payment of one dollar annually, or honorary life members of the General Society by the payment of ten dollars at one time into the General Fund.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Officers shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and supervise its general work.

SEC. 3. The Vice-Presidents in order shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and co-operate with her in furthering the work. They shall supervise the work of the Conferences in which they reside, and preside at the Conference meetings.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give due notice of the meetings of the Synodical Committee and the annual meetings of the Society, and keep a record of both. She shall also prepare the minutes of the annual convention for publication under the direction of the President.

SEC. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall under the direction of the Synodical Committee conduct the correspondence of the Society, present to the annual convention a written statistical statement of the work during the year, and make an annual report to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall receive the funds forwarded by the Auxiliary Societies, credit them to their respective Societies, and remit them quarterly to the Treasurer of the General Society, at the same time sending an itemized report of these remittances to the Corresponding Secretary of the Synodical Society. She shall also have charge of and keep an account of the funds raised for the incidental expenses of the Society, and pay out the same only on written orders of the President. She shall also present a written report for the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

These Committees shall consist of the Vice-President residing in each Conference, with the Secretaries and Treasurer of her appointment. It shall be the duty of these Committees to endeavor to increase the efficiency of the Societies in their respective Conferences, organize new Societies wherever practicable, and to send quarterly reports to the President, and make an annual report to the Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

LITERATURE.

There shall be a Committee on Literature whose duty it shall be to co-

operate with the General Literature Committee, and furnish Auxiliary Societies with missionary intelligence in the form of tracts, periodicals, copies of missionary letters, etc.

ARTICLE VII.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. Officers shall be elected at the close of each annual Convention.

SEC. 2. Officers of this Society, Auxiliary Delegates, members of Standing Committees, and officers and members of the Executive Committee of the General Society, shall have a right to vote.

ARTICLE VIII.

INCIDENTAL FUNDS.

The incidental expenses of the Synodical Society shall be defrayed by the payment of five cents per member from each Auxiliary Woman's and Young People's Society, and one dollar, when practicable, from each Children's Band.

ARTICLE IX.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

This Society shall require that Corresponding Secretaries of Auxiliary Societies shall send quarterly reports to the Synodical Corresponding Secretary, and Auxiliary Treasurers remit contributions with itemized reports quarterly to the Synodical Treasurer.

ARTICLE X.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Woman's Societies, Young People's Societies and Children's Bands auxiliary to this Society may be formed by their members adopting the Constitutions prepared respectively by these Auxiliaries, and contributing to the objects under the General Society and the incidental expenses of this Society.

ARTICLE XI.

MEETINGS.

The annual convention shall be held the week during the meeting of Synod, and at such a place as shall be decided by the previous Convention.

ARTICLE XII.

BY-LAWS.

This Society may make any By-Laws that do not conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this Society by a two-thirds vote.

By-Laws.

1. The time of meeting of this Society shall be on Thursday of the week during the meeting of Synod.

2. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, all residing in the same place, with the exception of two of the Vice-Presidents, who shall be selected one from each section other than that in which the rest of the officers are located. The officers residing near or in the same place shall meet quarterly.

3. Each of the Auxiliary Woman's and Young People's Societies within the bounds of the Synod contributing five cents per member, and Children's Bands within the same bounds contributing one dollar annually to the contingent fund of said society, shall be entitled to two voting delegates at annual Conventions.

4. Each Auxiliary Society may send one delegate to the annual Convention of the Synodical Society.

5. The chairman of each delegation shall report verbally, or in writing, or cause to be reported at annual Convention, the general work and condition of their Societies.

6. A synodical delegate may be sent to each Biennial Convention of the General Society.

7. The financial year shall close after the last meeting of each Society in March, and all funds be forwarded to the Treasurer before the twentieth of that month.

8. At each annual Convention the President shall appoint an Auditing Committee to examine the Treasurer's books and report to the Convention.

9. All members of Standing Committees shall be considered as delegates to the annual Convention.

10. Each Auxiliary Society, when possible, shall subscribe twenty-five cents annually for tracts to be furnished by the Literature Committee.

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OF THE

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OF THE

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IN CONNECTION WITH

THE GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

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CONVENED IN

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA,

APRIL 12th to 16th, 1893

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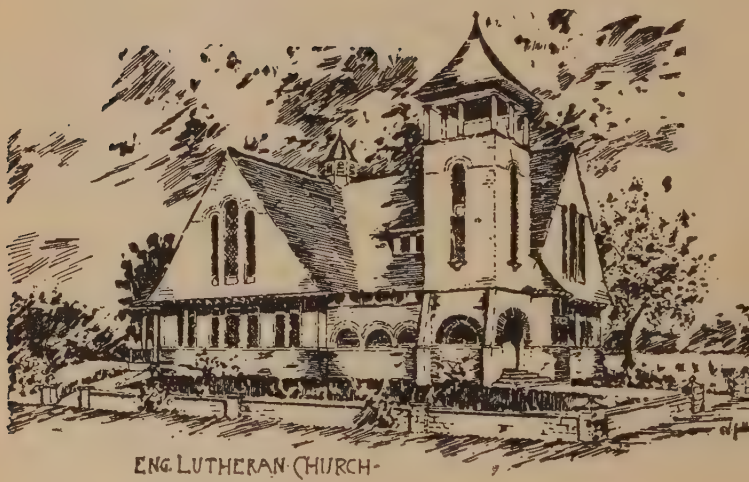

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Rev. Philip Graif, Rev. C. W. Maggart,
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BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

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Rev. J. S. Moser.

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Prof. F. P. Davidson.

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Rev. Chas. F. Oehler.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD MEETING

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

CONVENED IN

Sacramento, Cal., April 12–16, 1893.

SACRAMENTO, CAL.,
APRIL 12, 1893, 7:30 P. M.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Synod of California met in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sacramento, California.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, President of Synod, preached the opening sermon from Luke xix. 13: "Occupy till I come;" theme, "Christian Commerce."

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1893, 9 A. M.

After a half hour's service of devotion led by the President of Synod, the first session was opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson.

The clerical roll was called, and absentees noted. The roll of pastorates was then called, credentials of lay delegates were received, and their names enrolled.

New Members.

The following new members were received on certificates of dismission from other Synods:

Rev. M. H. Stine, from East Pennsylvania Synod.

Rev. Charles F. Oehler, from Wartburg Synod.

Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth, from Wartburg Synod.

Synodical Roll.

	Clerical Roll.	Residence.	Lay Delegates.
1	Rev. S. S. Sprecher, D.D., LL.D., *a. e.*	San Diego, Cal.	No charge.
2	Rev. Wm. Uhl, *a. e.*	Los Angeles, Cal.	No charge.
3	Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D.	San Francisco, Cal.	Mr. John Everding.
4	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Sacramento, Cal.	Mr. Wm. Demeritt.
5	Rev. Philip Graif	Oakland, Cal.	Mr. Wm. Moller.
6	Rev. C. W. Maggart	San Diego, Cal.	Prof. F. P. Davidson, *a. e.*
7	Rev. J. S. Moser	Campbells, Cal	No charge.
8	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	San José, Cal.	W. H. Hopple.
9	Rev. Charles F. Oehler	Sacramento, Cal.	Fred. Lothhammer.
10	Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth	Alameda, Cal.	
11	Rev. M. H. Stine	Los Angeles, Cal.	Wm. Bosbyshell, *a. e.*
12	Rev. H. Gherke	San Francisco, Cal.	

a. e. Absent and excused.

President's Report.

The President read the report of his official acts during the synodical year, and it was referred to the proper committee.

My Dear Brethren: The second year of our history as a Synod is completed, and we gather to look over the record of our work and get new inspiration for the future. Considering the past and present, we have much to be grateful for, and can all take courage.

Another year opens before us, full of privilege and opportunity. Let us enter upon it with renewed zeal and a determination to do great things for the Master, in whose name we come together and for whose glory we labor.

DISMISSALS.

Early in June we gave a letter dismissing Rev. C. W. Heisler to the Rocky Mountain Synod, he having taken charge of the Colorado Springs mission.

June 27th we received word from Mr. C. F. Marwedel that the Rev. O. C. Miller had resigned the San Francisco church, to take effect July 1st. Some time later we gave Bro. Miller a letter of dismissal to the Southwest Virginia Synod, he having taken charge at Roanoke, Va.

ACCESSIONS.

September 30th we received word that Rev. Dr. Hamma, a member of this Synod, but then residing in Washington, D. C., had been called to the pastorate of the San Francisco church, and had accepted the call. We are glad to hear of the return of our brother to this coast and to take up this important work.

August 2d we received a letter from Rev. R. W. Hufford, D. D., President of East Pennsylvania Synod, dismissing Rev. Milton H. Stine to the California Synod. He had been appointed, and accepted the call, to the Los Angeles mission, where he has been laboring successfully during the year.

March 30th we received certificate from Rev. R. G. Linker, President of the Wartburg Synod, dismissing Rev. Chas. F. Oehler, present pastor of the German Lutheran church of Sacramento, to this Synod.

March 31st we received from the same, Rev. R. G. Linker, a letter dismissing Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth, present pastor of the German Lutheran church of Alameda, Cal., from the Wartburg Synod to the Synod of California. These brethren have been received, and their names placed on the roll of Synod.

COMMUNICATIONS.

On the same date as the last we received a communication from the Church Council of the German Lutheran church of Alameda, asking that the church be admitted to this Synod. We recommend that this Synod take action on the matter at once.

VISITATIONS, ETC.

During the year we were permitted to visit but two of our churches—San José and Oakland. We found pastors and people working most faithfully, and much in both places to encourage the whole church.

We spent some time at Santa Cruz, and while there worked up an audience and held a service. Our church could get some support at once if started in this place.

July 26th.—At the request of Mrs. Prince, of the Woman's Executive Committee, we visited Stockton with the view of learning whether it would be a suitable place in which to start a mission. We found not much to encourage excepting a field that needed much church work, and so reported to the Executive Committee. Later we learned from the Home Mission Board that they had appointed Rev. Moser to take up some new point in California, and were ready to commission him to such place as we as officers of Synod should recommend.

We directed Brother Moser to visit Stockton and get all the information he could. Finding it not very encouraging, we had him visit Watsonville and Santa Rosa, and report on these places. We ask that he be heard, and that this Synod take definite action.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Respectfully, W. S. HOSKINSON.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed Revs. P. Graif and Chas. F. Oehler tellers.

The result of the election was as follows:

President—Rev. Philip Graif, Oakland.

Secretary—Rev. C. W. Maggart, San Diego.

Treasurer—Mr. John Everding, San Francisco.

Advisory Members.

Revs. Adolph Jatho, W. H. Brandes, J. B. Koehne and R. M. Stevenson were made advisory members of Synod.

Synod took a short recess to enable the President to make up his list of committees.

Committees.

The President appointed the following committees:

No. 1. *On President's Report*—Revs. M. W. Hamma, D. D., J. S. Moser and Mr. William Moller.

No. 2. *On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, V. G. A. Tressler and Mr. John Everding.

No. 3. *On Apportionment*—Revs. Milton H. Stine, J. S. Moser and Mr. W. H. Hopple.

No. 4. *On Leave of Absence and Absentees*—Revs. V. G. A. Tressler, C. F. Oehler and Mr. Wm. Demeritt.

No. 5. *Devotional Exercises*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, C. F. Oehler and Mr. Fred. Lothhammer.

No. 6. *Auditing*—Mr. Wm. Moller, Mr. W. H. Hopple and Mr. Wm. Demeritt.

The Report of Treasurer.

The Treasurer, Mr. John Everding, read his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

(See Appendix A, Treasurer's Report.)

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.

The hours for meeting and adjournment of Synod were fixed as follows:

Devotional services 8:45 a. m. and 1:45 p. m.

Business sessions from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

Report of Standing Committee on Minutes of last Synod.

Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod have carefully examined the same and offer the following report:

1st. On page 13, under By-Laws No. 10. All the ministers and congregations must send their Parochial Reports to the Chairman of the Parochial Committee one week before the day of the assembling of Synod, and this Committee shall meet the day before the opening of Synod, arrange and complete, and be ready to report to Synod the full and complete parochial report. Whenever a pastor leaves a charge, he shall furnish to the President of Synod a parochial report up to the time of resignation, and until such report is furnished a letter of dismissal shall not be granted. Pastors shall also send to the Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church a report on that subject at the same time.

Has this By-Law been honored?

2d. On page 19 we find the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary be empowered to prepare and send out with the parochial blank, a blank for Report on State of Religion, with suitable questions to be answered on public worship, prayer-meetings, family religion, Sunday-schools, benevolence and miscellaneous.

Has this been complied with?

3d. On page 19, under Report of Committee on President's Report, we find recommendations:

First, That the time-honored custom of installation be adhered to by all our pastors and churches.

Fifth, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod and Synodical Society be printed with the minutes.

Have these recommendations been obeyed?

4th. On page 19 notice was given by brother Miller that at this meeting of Synod the following amendment to the Constitution would be presented:

Art. IV., Sec. 1, of our Constitution be so amended as to read, "The officers of this Synod shall be a President, a Secretary, an Historian and a Treasurer, the last of whom may be a layman."

And that under Art. V., Sec. 4, there be added, prescribing the duties of Historian as follows: "He shall collect all statistics attainable of each of the churches, keep an historical record of the organization of the churches and Synod, and all the important events in the history and progress of each of the churches of the Synod, and shall render a report at each Convention of Synod."

Has this been done? Or will it be done?

5th. On page 24 we find the following resolutions:

Resolved, That both Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to get suitable books, drawing on the treasury for requisite funds.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be empowered to take out articles of incorporation for the Synod, drawing on Treasurer for expenses involved.

Have these things been done?

6th. On page 25, under Home Missions Committee Report, we see Request No. 2, as follows:

2. That in view of the various openings presenting themselves where work could be inaugurated, and yet which do not justify the entire labors of one man at present, we request the Board of Home Missions to appoint one or more district missionaries for California, the Board to confer with the Advisory Committee of this Synod as to points and detail of plan.

What was the effect of this request?

7th. Page 26. On motion, each pastor was requested, when minutes are received, to take a collection for the Synodical Fund.

Has this been done?

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. MOSER,
C. W. MAGGART,
Committee.

The report was considered *seriatim* as follows:

First item. Answer—No.

Second item. Answer—Not done because of lack of funds.

Third item. Answer—In part.

Fourth item. Answer—No.

Fifth item. Answer—Have not, but will be done at once.

Sixth item. Answer—Board would grant nothing.

Seventh item. Answer—Not necessary, as each pastorate raised apportionment.

Report adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Petitions.

Your Committee to whom were referred communications, have examined those of the German Lutheran churches of Sacramento and Alameda, asking to be admitted to this Synod.

We recommend that their petitions be granted and these churches be enrolled among the churches of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
V. G. A. TRESSLER,
J. EVERDING.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, April 13, 1893, 2 P. M.

Synod convened with prayer by Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth.

The first thing was the reading of Parochial Reports by the pastors. The reports were all excellent, revealing the fact that all the churches had practically raised the apportionment.

Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit.

The Committee on Excess and Deficit made the following report. (See Appendix B.)

The Synod recommended to the Committee on Beneficiary Education Mr. Lewis R. Garrett, of Los Angeles.

Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's Report would respectfully submit that the only items requiring the special action of Synod are as follows:

First, A report from Rev. J. S. Moser in regard to points visited by him with a view to the organization of mission churches.

Second, That the Constitution of Synod be printed with the Minutes of this convention.

Third, That By-Law No. 10 be made to read "three days" instead of "one week."

Fourth, That By-Law No. 11 be made to read "on the first day of the meeting of Synod" instead of "one week before the day for the convening of Synod."

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. HAMMA,
J. S. MOSER,
WM. MOLLER.

Adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

Friday morning at opening of Synod was set as special time to hear from Rev J. S. Moser on new mission points.

By special motion, Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth was given the floor, and he addressed us concerning the state of his church at Alameda.

Synod recommended that the Board of Church Extension grant a loan to the German church in Alameda, California, under the pastoral care of Rev. Ongerth.

A letter from Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL.D., of San Diego, was read, and he was excused from non-attendance at this Synod.

Rev. Bro. Tressler was authorized to convey fraternal greetings to the Doctor.

Report on the State of the Church and Religion.

In the reports submitted to your committee from the various pastorates of the California Synod there is clearly prevalent a buoyant spirit of hopefulness and aggressive vigor. To be sure clouds of fear, and fires of ordeal, and passing notes of internal discord, are perhaps inevitable now and then; but these, fortunately, have revealed at last a fairer sky than before, and brought forth a sweeter and deeper harmony. Upon the whole, in spite of living in a skeptical age, our people seem affected but little by the pervading influences of rationalistic doubt, and in the face of heresy trials and clamor of debate elsewhere, our pale is free from the strife and vain-glory of schismatic tongues; and though ofttimes confronting fierce struggles with adverse circumstances, yet our churches are apt to carry financial burdens with plucky determination, and to overcome great odds with a serene tranquility of courage. While tugging at herculean loads in her own pioneer home work, she looks enterprisingly abroad, and beyond her immediate circle and horizon, and pours forth her treasures of self-sacrificing benevolence again and again, not at the bidding of a giddy impulse, but on the score of principle and privilege. Daily bearing yokes and undergoing strains that might well crush a less hardy and less heroic people, she is, with girt loins and lit lamp, ever on the lookout for new opportunities of conquest, and her march is fitly celebrated with fresh projects and the achievement of new triumphs. While anchoring her roots firmly and invincibly in the larger cities of the Golden State, she has not forgotten to stretch forth her hands in benediction and help to the shepherdless and unchurched of her own household of faith wherever they may be found within our bounds. Surrounded as she is with a godless atmosphere of more than ordinary charm and intensity, yet thank God her spirituality and sainthood, notwithstanding it all, grows only all the finer and bolder. With all due deference to the fact that our missions in the East have sometimes risen and flourished in phenomenal fashion, yet our California field will, we believe, more than rival the best averages attained elsewhere beneath our denominational flag. Such a state of our churches as the foregoing, in which a happy self-consciousness of power and a great destiny is manifestly on the increase, and in which confidence and enthusiasm are waxing more and more strong, is certainly not only a very desirable, but also a highly encouraging fact.

Though coming late on the ground, our Church possesses a genius for rising into an assured place of strength and prominence, while others under like conditions drag out a precarious and withering existence. To our pastors already honors, whether in the daily press, or in the university chapel, or in the Senate chamber, are being accorded, which equal any enjoyed by the strongest and proudest sects on the Coast. If in pretentiousness of architectural style we do not cope with others, we begin to take the lead in designs of striking unique-

ness and beauty. In point of church attendance our pews will safely challenge comparison with other evangelical creeds. In respect to catechisation, we are laying careful stress on this time-honored custom. As a rule, our Sunday-schools are thrifty hives of busy toilers, and in the line of Young People's Endeavor Societies that are fairly a-boom with the spirit of consecration and progress, no Synod can make a finer showing. We rejoice to note that our Church papers are eagerly and largely read, and also that even at this early stage of our Synodical life, a divinity student, on our own territory, is growing into the holy office under our fostering care, and that in almost everything that makes religion real and vitalizing, we are steadily pushing up to a higher plane of usefulness and power. Whilst other communions are torn and distracted with sounds of theological warfare, we are pursuing the quiet tenor of our way, having no time to waste on hair-splitting quarrels, for church building, and debt-raising, and tough mission work leaves little or no chance for the subtle quirks and quibbles and delicate niceties of metaphysical speculation. Though we frankly recognize the value and glory of a true revivalism, we ordinarily favor the hand-picked and quieter methods of spiritual culture and ingathering. In holding loyally to the fundamental principles of the Reformation, we cordially cultivate and exercise pulpit and altar fellowship, eschewing the practice of a narrow and exclusive piety while gladly and vigorously subscribing to historical Lutheranism.

Of course, around all our churches, there lie, more or less thickly, grim patches of shadow and heart-sick experiences—disloyalty to membership vows, the craze of mammon-worship, moral insensibility, lack of whole-hearted devotion to God, at times icy coldness and torpor, some manifest tendencies to a beastly materialism or a sensuous refinement of living, illiberal support of the Lord's cause, reckless Sabbath desecration, peculiar restlessness of the population, and sometimes even tragic dismemberment of family ties by reason of an easy divorce system. But in spite of this array of serious drawbacks, our churches are firmly gaining ground right along and commanding respect, and masterfully forging to the front in regard both to numbers and influence.

Yes, our prospects evidently are brightening more and more every year. In growth of membership roll, in the work of apportionment, in rising into appreciable factors as distinct spiritual forces in the community, in amalgamating various nationalities into one blessed unity of faith and worship, in slowly moulding and leavening society more and more by our scriptural purity of doctrine and life, we are certainly making no mean strides forward, all things considered. If, therefore, under the divine leadership, we are true to our whole duty as it applies to the religious development of this imperial commonwealth, our future will surely be, beyond computation, rich and golden with heavenly fruitage. God grant it.

Respectfully submitted, PHILIP GRAIF,
V. G. A. TRESSLER.

Report adopted.

Apportionment.

The Committee was ordered to apportion for Beneficiary Education ten cents per member, and Orphans' Home five cents per member.

Preparatory Services.

Preparatory services were held at 4:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. P. Graif, at which Rev. V. G. A. Tressler made a brief address.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, April 13, 1893, 7:30 P. M.

Services were held in the German Lutheran church. Rev. Pastor Oehler delivered an address in German and Rev. Philip Graif delivered an address in English. The Rev. H. Gherke was ordained to the gospel ministry. After this the pastors, delegates and visitors to Synod, together with a few others, celebrated the Holy Communion together. The entire service was very impressive.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 14, 1893, 9 A. M.

After an half hour's prayer service, led by Rev. J. S. Moser, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Hamma.

Rev. Chas. F. Oehler read his parochial report and paid over the $5 evening offering to Synodical Treasurer.

$6 was also received from the treasurer of the old German Synod, and a vote of thanks was given for same.

Report of Home Mission Committee.

Missions	5
Communicant membership	514
Additions during the year	193, net gain, 124
Losses during the year	50
Infant baptisms	30

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Teachers and officers	75
Scholars	593
Money contributed	$804 32

MONEY RAISED FOR

Local Objects	$7808 42
Home Missions	95 25
Foreign Missions	67 39
Church Extension	105 39
Education	86 94
California Synod	39 00
Pastors' Fund	19 50
General Synod	7 80
Orphans' Home	19 00
External Objects	165 00
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	88 22
Total Benevolence	693 49
Grand total	8501 91

With gratitude to God we hear the encouraging reports from all our missions.

We are glad to hear of the ability and readiness of the Woman's Executive Committee to take up some more points in California.

We recommend:

1. That definite action be taken at once with reference to starting one or more missions in this field.

2. That we urge upon the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board the advisability of appointing more men to new fields in California, at such salaries as they can afford to pay.

3. That we urge our Boards and theological seminaries to send us consecrated young men who are willing to undergo some sacrifices in taking up the many new and important fields open to us on this coast.

Your Committee has incurred an expense of $8.80.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
C. W. MAGGART.

Adopted.

Communications from Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and Rev. C. S. Albert, D. D., representing the Board of Home Missions, were read, and the Secretary was ordered to respond in suitable terms to them.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Auditing Committee respectfully report that we have examined the books of the Treasurer and vouchers, and find them to agree.

WM. MOLLER,
W. H. HOPPLE,
WM. DEMERITT.

Adopted.

Rev. J. S. Moser's Report.

Rev. J. S. Moser made his report as to the visitation of some of the fields needing a missionary. He spoke of Stockton, Watsonville, Santa Cruz, and Santa Rosa, all good openings except the first.

Rev. M. H. Stine spoke of Riverside, giving an appeal from brethren in this city, who are anxious for a missionary.

Noon hour having arrived, Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. H. Stine.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 14, 1893, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson.

The unfinished work of the morning was taken up, and after discussion the following was adopted:

1. That it is the feeling of this Synod that Riverside should be occupied as a new mission field in California, and we recommend the same, subject to visitation of the place by some member of this Synod.

2. As the second field offering most promise for speedy results, we recommend Watsonville and Santa Cruz.

3. As the third place of importance for immediate occupancy, we recommend Santa Rosa.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
C. W. MAGGART.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your committee are gratified to report that already a young man of superior qualifications is now preparing himself for the office of the ministry under the auspices of our church. Mr. Lewis R. Garrett, of Los Angeles, on our own territory, a Sophomore in the Southwest University, seems in every way fitted to be taken under the aid of the church.

At the suggestion and largely by the aid of Dr. Hamma, and heartily supported by the individual churches, $150 of Mr. Garrett's expenses have been assumed during the past year.

Your committee recommend:

1. That Mr. L. R. Garrett be taken upon the funds of the Synod, provided he agree to the required conditions.

2. That ten cents per capita be apportioned for this purpose among the various churches.

3. That Rev. M. H. Stine be asked to acquaint Mr. Garrett with the requirements and conditions imposed by Synod upon its beneficiaries.

4. That the Beneficiary Committee be authorized to procure suitable blank note forms.

5. That the thanks of Synod are due and hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. Hamma for his generous donation to the beneficiary fund during the past year, and for his personal pledge of $55 for the present synodical term.

Respectfully submitted, V. G. A. TRESSLER,
PHILIP GRAIF,
J. S. MOSER.

Adopted.

Report of Devotional Committee.

Your Devotional Committee would report that Rev. C. W. Maggart has been appointed to preach in the First church of Sacramento; Rev. M. H. Stine in the First church of San Francisco, and Rev. H. Gherke in the German Lutheran church of Sacramento. All the remaining pastors will be in their own pulpits the following Lord's Day.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
CHAS. F. OEHLER,
FRED. LOTHHAMMER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Leave of Absence.

Your Committee report that Rev. Dr. Sprecher and Rev. Uhl have asked, by letter, to be excused.

We recommend that they be excused.

We have also on sufficient grounds excused W. H. Hopple, Wm. Demeritt, Revs. Ongerth and Oehler, Prof. Davidson and Wm. Bosbyshell.

Respectfully submitted, V. G. A. TRESSLER.

Adopted.

Report of Apportionment Committee.

(See Appendix C.)

Secretary made report concerning his expenses as follows:

Stationery and postage	$3 90
Cut for seal	4 00
Donated by Secretary	3 90
Balance unpaid	4 00

Same was ordered paid.

Motions carried:

That this evening's offering be used for Home Mission work in the Synod.

That the President of Synod express the thanks of Synod to Rev. W. S. Hoskinson and people, and to Rev. Chas. F. Oehler and people for their kind hospitality and entertainment.

That this Synod return hearty thanks to the "Record-Union," "Evening Bee" and "News," of Sacramento, for their excellent reports of the meetings of this Convention.

That 500 copies of minutes be printed, including the proceedings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

That 200 extra copies of the Constitution be printed separately.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Synod voted to hold next Convention in San Diego, second Wednesday evening after Easter, 1894.

Delegates to General Synod.

The following were elected:

Clerical.

Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., Principal.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Alternate.

Lay.

Dr. G. G. Burnett, San Francisco, Cal., Principal.

R. H. Young, San Diego, Alternate.

Motion carried that the special order for 9 o'clock, Saturday morning, be the arranging for the incorporation of Synod.

Synod closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Stevenson, of the Presbyterian Church of Sacramento.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 14th, 1893, 7:30 P. M.

The general subject for the evening was "*Missions.*"

Rev. C. W. Maggart delivered an address on Foreign Missions, and Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., an address on Home Missions.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, April 15th, 1893, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. M. H. Stine.

The special order concerning incorporation was taken up, and Attorney Harry G. Soule, of Sacramento, appeared before us and explained the preliminary requirements necessary for incorporation.

After this explanation it was moved that we proceed at once to take out articles of incorporation.

It was moved that there should be five directors, three of whom should be the officers of Synod.

Revs. P. Graif, C. W. Maggart and V. G. A. Tressler, and Messrs. John Everding and Wm. Moller, were duly elected directors of Synod.

A vote of hearty thanks was given Attorney Harry G. Soule for gratuitous information and advice in this matter of incorporation.

Upon motion, the offering of Wednesday evening was granted to the janitor of the church for his work during Synod.

The pastor *loci* and President of Synod were empowered to prepare the programme for next convention of Synod.

After a prayer by Rev. J. S. Moser, singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and benediction by President Graif, Synod adjourned to meet at San Diego, California, on the second Wednesday evening after Easter, 1894.

C. W. MAGGART,
Secretary of the Synod of California.

MINISTERIUM.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 13, 1893, 12 M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your Committee on examination of candidates to the ministry would report that they have examined sermons, etc. of Rev. H. Gherke, and would recommend that he be ordained to the gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON.
PHILIP GRAIF.

Report adopted.

Time and place of ordination was April 13, 1893, 7:30 p. m., and at the German Lutheran Church.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. S. Moser.

C. W. MAGGART, *Secretary.*

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 15, 1893, 2 P. M.

Messrs. Graif, Maggart, Tressler, Everding and Moller met at the office of Attorney Harry G. Soule, and took out "Articles of

Incorporation" for the Synod of California, in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

The meeting then adjourned.

C. W. MAGGART, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

Treasurer's Report.

J. EVERDING, *Treasurer, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.*

From April 26, 1892, to April 12, 1893.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Church Extension ...	Board of Education ...	Pastors' Fund	Beneficiary Education.	Gen'l Synod Treasury ..	Synodical Treasury ..	San Diego Y. P. M. church	Loysville Orphans' Home ...	Total .....
To balance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$65 46	.....	.....	$65 46
To San Franciso	$54 60	$60 00	$54 00	$15 00	$12 00	$25 00	$4 80	24 00	$26 00	.....	274 80
To Oakland	15 75	17 50	15 75	4 38	3 50	10 92	1 40	7 00	.....	$14 00	90 20
To San Diego	16 87	18 69	16 87	4 70	3 75	7 50	1 50	10 50	.....	.....	80 38
To San José	9 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	2 00	10 00	0 80	4 00	.....	2 00	51 80
To Sacramento	17 77	19 75	17 77	4 97	3 95	20 00	1 58	7 90	.....	.....	93 69
To Los Angeles	.....	31 50	20 00	7 88	6 30	12 60	2 52	12 60	.....	.....	93 40
To California Synod	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
To M. W. Hamma, D. D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00
To Sacramento German church	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	111 00
To California Synod collection	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 51	.....	.....	9 51
To amount received	$113 39	$157 44	$134 39	$150 93	$31 50	$236 02	$12 60	$151 97	$26 00	$16 00	$1030 24
To amount remitted	113 39	157 44	134 39	150 93	31 50	236 02	12 60	.....	26 00	16 00	878 27

By Lutheran Publication Society for Minutes	$74 81
By Seal	7 00
By O. C. Miller, Traveling Expenses	12 25
By Board of Education	10 00
By W. S. Hoskinson, Expenses Missionary Committee	8 80
By V. G. A. Tressler, Cut of Seal	4 00
By filing papers of Incorporation	2 50
	$119 36
	$151 97
	119 36
Cash on hand April 12, 1893	$32 61

Respectfully submitted, J. EVERDING,
Treasurer.

APPENDIX B.—Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit.

	FOREIGN MISSIONS.			HOME MISSIONS.			CHURCH EXTENSION.			BOARD OF EDUCATION.			BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.			TOTALS.	
	Paid . . .	Excess .	Deficit .	Paid . . .	Excess .	Deficit .	Paid . . .	Excess .	Deficit .	Paid . . .	Excess .	Deficit .	Paid . . .	Excess .	Deficit .	Excess .	Deficit .
Oakland.	$15 75	. . . . .	. . . . .	$17 50	. . . . .	. . . .	$15 75	. . . . .	. . . . .	$4 38	. . . . .	. . . . .	$10 92	$3 92	. .	$3 92	. . . . .
San Diego . . .	18 75	$1 88	. . . . .	18 75	. . . . .	. . . .	16 87	. . . . .	. . . . .	4 70	$ 03	. . . . .	7 50	. . . . .	. .	1 91	. . . . .
San José.	9 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	10 00	$1 00	. . . .	9 00	$1 00	. . . . .	4 00	1 50	. . . . .	10 00	6 00	. .	9 75	. . . . .
Sacramento . .	17 77	. . . . .	. . . . .	19 75	. . . . .	. . . .	17 77	. . . . .	. . . . .	4 97	. . . . .	. . . . .	20 00	12 10	. .	12 10	. . . . .
Los Angeles. .	10 00	. . . . .	$18 35	31 00	. . . . .	$ 50	20 00	. . . . .	$8 35	7 08	. . . . .	$6 30	12 60	. . . . .	. .	. . . . .	$27 20
San Francisco	54 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	60 00	. . . . .	. . . .	54 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	15 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	25 00	1 00	. .	1 00	. . . . .

For all other objects there was neither excess nor deficit.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. STINE,
J. S. MOSER,
W. H. HOPPLE.

APPENDIX C.—Report of Apportionment Committee.

	No. Members	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Total
	....	2c.	10c.	25c.	22½c.	22½c.	6¼c.	10c.	5c.	5c,	$1 08¼
Oakland	90	$1 80	$9 00	$22 50	$20 25	$20 25	$5 62	$9 00	$4 50	$4 50	97 42
Sacramento	100	2 00	10 00	25 00	22 50	22 50	6 25	10 00	5 00	5 00	108 25
San Diego	100	2 00	10 00	25 00	22 50	22 50	6 25	10 00	5 00	5 00	108 25
San José	90	1 80	9 00	22 50	20 25	20 25	5 62	9 00	4 50	4 50	97 42
Los Angeles	134	2 68	13 40	33 50	30 15	30 15	8 37	13 40	6 70	6 70	145 05
San Francisco	260	5 20	26 00	65 00	58 50	58 50	16 25	26 00	13 00	13 00	281 45
Sacramento, German	160	3 20	16 00	40 00	36 00	36 00	10 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	173 20
Alameda, German	96	1 92	9 60	24 00	21 60	21 60	6 00	9 60	4 80	4 80	103 92
Totals	1030	$20 60	$103 00	$257 50	$231 75	$231 75	$64 36	$103 00	$56 50	$56 50	$1114 96

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. STINE,
J. S. MOSER,
W. H. HOPPLE.

Adopted.

APPENDIX D.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastor's Name and Address.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.						Finances.			
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication and other losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	
C. W. Maggart, 1425 Fifth st., San Diego	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	..	1	....	9	6	4	18	10	3	100	$5000 00	$2000 00	$985 47	1
M. W. Hamma, D. D., 711 Jones st., San Francisco	First Eng. Lutheran.	1	..	2	..	15	1	1	....	11	....	16	25	..	260	55000 00	8500 00	12829 06	2
Milton H. Stine, Los Angeles	First Eng. Lutheran.	1	..	2	1	8	1	1	8	4	5	7	13	12	134	24000 00	7550 00	2442 61	3
W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., 1309 O st., Sacramento	First Eng. Ev. Lutheran	1	..	1	..	14	1	2	11	9	1	21	4	9	100	14000 00	3800 00	1186 79	4
Philip Graif, 722 17th st., Oakland	The Columbian Memorial Luth. Ch.	1	..	3	..	18	....	5	4	8	3	14	1	11	90	13000 00	9000 00	2437 70	5
V. G. A. Tressler, San José	Grace Eng. Luth. Ch.	1	..	2	..	18	2	1	4	6	6	14	20	17	90	.....	.....	755 85	6
Chas. F. Oehler, 1207 K st., Sacramento	German Lutheran	1	1	..	..	11	9	....	....	55	....	44	2	..	160	20000 00	.....	3000 00	7
H. E. J. Ongerth, 1419 9th st., Alameda	German Evan. Luth. Christ's Church	1	2	..	..	6	8	....	....	27	..	6	....	4	96	157 00	.....	745 80	8
Grand Total		8	3	12	1	90	23	10	36	126	19	140	75	56	1030	$131157 00	$30850 00	$24383 28	9

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions: For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	..	16	65	$88 00	$22 75	$1 50	$7 50	$18 75	$16 87	$16 87	$4 70	$7 50	*$49 40	$3 75	$3 00	$30 00	$186 84	$1172 31
2	1	..	15	210	269 90	.....	4 80	24 00	60 00	54 00	54 00	15 00	25 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	248 80	13077 86
3	1	..	19	152	162 72	54 58	2 52	12 60	31 00	10 00	45 00	7 88	12 60	13 67	6 30	.....	75 00	216 57	2658 18
4	1	..	12	151	146 00	24 47	1 58	7 90	19 75	17 77	17 77	4 97	20 00	.....	3 95	.....	30 00	123 69	1236 79
5	1	..	13	115	171 10	33 85	1 40	7 00	17 50	15 75	15 75	4 38	10 92	19 00	3 50	14 00	.....	109 20	2546 90
6	1	..	15	110	91 25	10 10	80	4 00	10 00	9 00	10 00	4 00	10 00	6 15	2 00	2 00	.....	57 95	813 80
7	1	..	15	175	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3000 00
8	2	..	13	133	114 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	745 80
9	9	..	118	1111	$1043 92	$145 75	$12 60	$63 00	$157 00	$123 39	$159 39	$40 95	$86 02	$88 22	$31 50	$19 00	$165 00	$943 05	$25251 64

*Also box worth $100.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART, M. H. STINE, *Committee.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, The history of the Christian Church during all ages demonstrates the desirability, the value, even the necessity of the association of Christian ministers and churches, contiguously located, in occasional conventions, for the purpose of fostering Christian fellowship, preserving purity of doctrine, and promoting their mutual welfare and the general extension of the cause of Christ; therefore, we ministers, pastors, and lay representatives of Evangelical Lutheran Churches of the General Synod, in the State of California, in convention assembled, do hereby ordain and adopt, for ourselves and our successors, the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND BOUNDS.

SECTION 1. The name, style and title of this Association shall be The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

SEC. 2. The boundaries of this Synod shall be coincident with those of the State of California.

ARTICLE II.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Synod shall be in full harmony with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, in its doctrinal standards and cultus; accordingly, we, therefore, accept the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, and as such, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and the Augsburg Confession as the correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word and of the faith of our Church founded upon that Word.

ARTICLE III.

BUSINESS OF SYNOD.

The object and functions of this Synod shall be to deliberate with discretion upon the general affairs of the Church, to receive and decide upon appeals from Church Councils and special Conferences, when regularly brought before

it, to determine upon all charges against ministers, those of error in doctrine and specifications, hereafter provided for, excepted; to form or change pastoral districts, or give advice respecting them, paying due regard to the rights and wishes of congregations, to foster and provide for the interests of Beneficiary Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension, and to care for and attend to all such objects and affairs as in its judgment may promote the piety, prosperity and extension of the Church.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Synod shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, the last of whom may be a layman.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be elected annually by ballot, a simple majority being necessary to a choice.

SEC. 3. At a second balloting for officers the election shall be confined to the two highest candidates.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall:

(1) Preside at all meetings of Synod and Ministerium, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of President.

(2) He shall appoint all committees, not otherwise provided for; shall have the casting vote, except in an election by ballot, when he shall have the right of suffrage, but not the casting vote; shall deliver a Synodical discourse at the opening of the annual convention, and in consultation with the pastor *loci* shall appoint all other speakers during the convention.

(3) At the opening business session of each convention, he shall present a written report of all his official acts since the previous convention, and of all occurrences, in the interim, of interest and importance to Synod, and shall also recommend for consideration any measures, in his judgment, desirable or necessary.

(4) If application be made to the President for licensure within three months prior to the annual convention, it shall be referred to the Synod. If it be made earlier in the Synodical year, the applicant shall be referred to the Committee on Licensure and Ordination, as provided in Article XII., Sec. 5, of this Constitution; and upon the recommendation of this committee, he shall grant said applicant a license, *ad interim*, until the next Synodical convention.

(5) It shall be the President's duty to give counsel to any member or congregation, when requested, or he deems it important, and especially to admonish and advise any erring brother.

(6) Should the President be absent at the opening of the Synodical Convention, the Secretary shall preside; if both are absent, these two offices shall be filled *pro tempore* by election.

(7) In case of the death, resignation or disqualification of the President, or his removal from the bounds of the Synod, the Secretary shall discharge the duties of President until the next annual convention. Should both President and Secretary thus leave the office of President vacant, it may be filled by appointment, by the chairmen of the various Standing Committees acting as an Executive Committee for this purpose. The President thus appointed shall appoint a Secretary *pro tempore*.

(8) The President shall have power to appoint *ad interim* delegates to other Synods when he deems it expedient. Also, to call at any time during the Synodical Convention, a meeting of the Ministerium, as per Article IX., Sec. 2.

SEC. 2. The Secretary.

(1) The Secretary shall keep a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of the Synod, in a book provided for that purpose.

(2) He shall have charge of and carefully preserve, the papers, the seal, etc., of the Synod, subject to its direction, and do all the official writing of the body not otherwise provided for. Any minister of Synod shall have the privilege of access to these papers at any time, but no part of them shall be removed from his custody or destroyed.

(3) He shall keep an accurate register of all the ministers, congregations and pastorates, belonging to this Synod.

(4) He shall give official notice of the meeting of Synod at least six weeks prior to the time appointed; also, of all special meetings; and shall furnish with the notice of the annual meeting to each pastor, and to the Secretary of the Church Council of any vacant pastorate, the statistical and parochial blanks provided by the General Synod.

(5) He shall publish and distribute the minutes of Synod according to its directions.

(6) If the office of Secretary should become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification, or removal from Synodical bounds, the President shall require all the property of Synod in charge of the Secretary to be delivered to the Secretary *pro tempore*, whom he shall at once appoint.

(7) The Secretary of Synod shall also act as Secretary of Ministerium.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer.

(1) The Treasurer shall take charge of all the money belonging to Synod, and shall keep it subject to its order, or *ad interim* the order of its President; also, of all moneys contributed for the benevolent work of the church, and shall pay the sums thus contributed to the objects specified by contributors.

(2) He shall keep and present at each annual meeting a faithful and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures during the year, and of the present state of the treasury.

(3) He shall give a bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, if Synod so desires it.

(4) Should this office become vacant by death, resignatlon, disqualification, or removal from the Synodical bounds, the President shall appoint a Treasurer

pro tempore, to whom shall be delivered all the money, certificates, bonds, or other financial documents belonging to the Synod.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. This Synod shall consist of such Evangelical Lutheran ministers and delegates from Evangelical Lutheran churches or pastorates situated in its bounds (and in special cases of others not so situated) as shall submit to the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. Any Lutheran minister in connection with any district Synod of any of the four General Lutheran bodies of the United States, viz: The General Synod, the General Council, the United Synod of the South, the Synodical Conference, may become a member of this Synod upon the presentation of a certificate of honorable dismission from his district Synod.

SEC. 3. Any ordained minister from an independent Lutheran Synod, or from another denomination, may be admitted to membership in this Synod, upon the presentation of proper credentials of good moral character and ministerial deportment, provided he give evidence, on examination by the Ministerium, as a committee of the whole, of his general scholarly fitness, his acceptance of the doctrinal standards of this Synod, and his willingness to practice the usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SEC. 4. Any minister, in good and regular standing, who removes from the bounds of this Synod into those of another, shall upon application to the President, be granted a letter of honorable dismission over his signature, said dismission to take effect upon notice of his reception by the receiving Synod.

SEC. 5. Any ordained minister who shall discontinue the active duties of the ministry shall be expected to connect himself with some Lutheran church, and thus place himself under its government and discipline.

SEC. 6. No minister shall interfere with the charge of another, by preaching or performing other ministerial acts, except by his request or consent.

SEC. 7. Ministers of other Synods and of other Evangelical denominations, who may be present, may be received as advisory members by vote of Synod; as such they shall have liberty of speech, but no vote.

SEC. 8. Lay delegates shall present proper credentials of election, and shall then have equal rights with the other members.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of every minister, lay delegate, and congregation belonging to this Synod, to observe the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.

CONGREGATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any congregation or pastorate, in its bounds (and in special cases, others not so situated) may become connected with this Synod, on application, and approval of the Constitution of the congregation so applying.

SEC. 2. Every pastorate of this Synod shall elect a lay delegate to repre-

sent it in the annual convention, and shall make an annual contribution towards defraying necessary Synodical expenses.

SEC. 3. Every vacant congregation or pastorate is expected to send a commissioner to the annual convention who shall have the liberty of speech, but no vote.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of each pastor, or in case of a vacancy, of the Secretary of the Church Council, to forward to Synod an annual report of the charge embracing statistics, state of religion, contributions, etc., on blanks provided for the purpose by the General Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. This Synod shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, at the request of at least three ordained ministers, by giving two weeks' previous notice. The business shall be confined to the specified object of the special meeting.

SEC. 3. At least five ordained ministers and two lay delegates shall be required to constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. All members of Synod are expected to be present at each meeting, and shall not be absent without urgent necessity; voluntary engagements and ordinary official duties shall not be deemed sufficient excuse. In case of unavoidable absence, a written excuse shall be sent to Synod. Inexcusable absence for two successive years, shall be construed into disrespect for Synod, for which the name of the delinquent may be stricken from the roll of members; and in such case, he shall not be permitted to serve churches in connection with this Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

THE MINISTERIUM.

SECTION 1. The Ministerium shall be composed, exclusively, of ordained ministers of the Synod.

SEC. 2. The regular sessions of the Ministerium shall be held during the convention of Synod. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President, if requested by three ordained ministers of Synod, but not oftener than twice in the same year.

SEC. 3. A majority of the ministers of Synod shall be necessary for a quorum.

SEC. 4. The Ministerium shall attend to the examination, licensure and ordination of candidates for the ministry; and for the reception of ministers from other ecclesiastical bodies, and for such licensure, ordination or reception, a two-thirds majority of all the clerical members present at Synod shall be required.

It shall also hear, examine and decide all charges of heresy, drunkenness, lewdness, or any high crime against a minister, and all appeals from the decision of a Church Council on a charge of heresy against a layman, or from the decision of a Committee on a similar charge against a minister.

SEC. 5. The following shall be the order of business of the Ministerium:

(1) All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

(2) The President shall state the object of the meeting.

(3) Applications for membership received, reports of committees on journals, sermons, etc., of licentiates, also reports of examining committees.

(4) Unfinished business.

(5) New and miscellaneous business.

ARTICLE X.

LICENSURE OF CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. Applicants for licensure must sustain a creditable examination upon the following subjects:

Personal piety.
Motives for seeking the holy office.
The Greek and Hebrew Scriptures.
The evidences of Christianity.
Natural and revealed Theology.
Church history.
Pastoral Theology.
Homiletics.
Catechetics.
Church Government.

SEC. 2. The Synod shall, in no case whatsoever, license an individual whom they do not believe to be hopefully pious; nor shall any applicant, except in extraordinary cases, be licensed, whom the Ministerium do not find possessed of a competent acquaintance with the subjects named above.

SEC. 3. A licentiate has power to perform all the functions of the Christian ministry during the time specified in his license. He shall be under the special care of the President; shall receive counsel from him, and apply to him for advice in case of difficulty. When he obtains a stated charge, he shall be restricted to it, and shall not resign it without the consent of the Synod, or, in its recess, of its President. In addition to the ordinary duties of the ministry, he shall particularly devote all his leisure time to his personal improvement in knowledge and grace. He shall also keep a general journal of all his ministerial acts, which, with a few sermons of his own composition, he must deliver or send annually for the inspection of the Ministerium.

SEC. 4. All licenses shall extend to the next regular meeting of the Synod, or until the candidate is ordained.

SEC. 5. After a proper period of probation, or at any time, if in the judgment of the Synod a licentiate proves himself unqualified for the duties of the ministry, his license shall be withdrawn.

SEC. 6. When it is decided that an applicant be licensed, the privileges and duties specified above shall be distinctly stated to him, and the President shall require him to answer affirmatively to the following questions:

(1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

(2) Do you believe that the following fundamental doctrines of the Word of God are taught correctly in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession, viz:

The existence of one God.

The Trinity of the Godhead.

The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Incarnation.

The universal depravity of man.

The Saviour's vicarious sufferings and death.

The justification of the sinner by faith in the Son of God.

The necessity of the Holy Spirit to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

The Holy Catholic or universal Church.

The divine institution of the ministry, and of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The necessity of repentance and good works.

The return of Christ to judge the world in righteousness.

The resurrection of the dead.

The everlasting blessedness of the righteous– and

The eternal punishment of the wicked?

(3) Do you believe that, in seeking the ministerial office, you are influenced by a sincere love to God, your Saviour, and a desire to promote His glory in the welfare of men?

(4) Do you promise faithfully and zealously to preach the truth of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as contained in the Holy Scriptures?

(5) Do you promise by the aid of God, faithfully to perform the duties which will devolve upon you as a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and submit yourself to its usages, rules of government and discipline, so long as you remain a member of the Lutheran Synod?

ARTICLE XI.

OF ORDINATION.

SECTION 1. When the Synod has decided that an individual shall be permanently invested with the ministerial office, the ceremony must be performed at the time by the assembled Synod, or by a committee, at a time appointed, in the charge of the person to be ordained.

SEC. 2. In cases where want of ordination would operate against the influence and success of a licentiate, the President may, on the recommendation of five ordained ministers of the Synod, ordain each licentiate.

SEC. 3. The ceremony of ordination shall be as follows:

1. A sermon appropriate to the solemn occasion shall be preached by a person previously appointed.

2. The President of the Synod, after a short address to the candidate, such as may be found in the Liturgy, shall propose to him the following questions:

(1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

(2) Do you believe the following fundamental doctrines of the Word of God are correctly taught in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession, viz:

The existence of one God.

The Trinity of the Godhead.

The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The universal depravity of man.

The Saviour's vicarious suffering and death.

The justification of the sinner by faith in the Son of God.

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The return of Christ to judge the world in righteousness.

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(3) Do you believe that, in seeking the ministerial office, you are influenced by a sincere love to God, your Saviour, and a desire to promote His glory in the welfare of men?

(4) Do you promise faithfully and zealously to preach the truths of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as contained in the Holy Scriptures?

(5) Do you promise, by the aid of God, faithfully to perform all the duties which will devolve upon you as a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and to submit yourself to its usages, rules of government and discipline, so long as you remain a member of the Lutheran Synod?

SEC. 4. These questions being answered in the affirmative, the candidate shall kneel down, when the President and ministers present shall ordain him after the manner of the Apostles by laying their hands on him and with prayer. He shall then rise, and the President, and after him the ordained ministers present shall take him by the right hand and welcome him to take part with them in the holy ministry.

ARTICLE XII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At each annual convention of Synod the following four Standing Committees shall be appointed, the President to be *ex-officio* Chairman of the first two named:

(1) On Home Missions.
(2) On Church Extension.
(3) On Beneficiary Education.
(4) On the examination of Candidates for Licensure and Ordination.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Home Missions shall consist of two ordained ministers and one layman, and its special business shall be to look up promising fields for the organization of new churches, to have special oversight in co-operation with the General Board of Home Missions of all missions located within the bounds of this Synod, to examine and pass upon all applications for aid to the Board of Home Missions, and in such applications shall reserve the right to consultation with respect to the appointment of the missonaries.

In case of the vacancy of any pastorate, this Committee, in co-operation with the local Church Council, shall see that supplies are furnished, so as to maintain regular services, and shall labor to have such vacancies filled as speedily as possible.

All missions located within the bounds of this Synod shall make an annual report to the committee at least three weeks before the annual convention.

All applications for aid to this committee shall be on the blanks prescribed for the purpose by the General Board. The committee shall present an extended report at each annual convention of Synod, embracing all the missionary operations within the Synodical limits together with any facts, suggestions, etc., that may contribute to the advancement of local Home Missions. This Committee shall meet at any time at the call of the Chairman.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Church Extension, shall consist of three ordained ministers. Its special business shall be to secure church lots by gifts, or otherwise, as they may provide, in localities that afford a fair opportunity for the inauguration of new work by our church; and also to examine and endorse all applications to the Board of Church Extension for aid before they are transmitted to said Board. The title to all property secured for church purposes by this Board, shall be vested in "The Board of Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States;" until such time as the title may be passed by the said Board of Church Extension to a regularly organized church in connection with this Synod, using such property for church purposes; provided, always that the constitution of said local church secures to the said Board of Church Extension the title to this property over and above all liabilities and incumbrances, in case such local church should cease to exist, fail to elect officers, or change its ecclesiastical relations. This Committee shall present a report to each annual convention of Synod concerning the Church Extension interests within its bounds. This Committee shall meet at any time at the call of the Chairman.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Beneficiary Education shall consist of three ordained ministers.

All funds raised for Beneficiary Education in this Synod shall be paid to the

Treasurer of Synod, who shall disburse them at the order of this Committee as directed by the Synod.

This Committee shall have special oversight of all beneficiaries upon its funds; shall require satisfactory reports of progress in scholarship and of deportment, and shall make an annual report to Synod of its general work and of each and every student upon its funds.

All applicants for aid must give this Committee satisfactory information upon the following points:

(*a*) Age and present calling.

(*b*) Personal piety, church membership.

(*c*) Educational opportunities and attainments.

(*d*) Talents, qualifications and call to the ministry.

(*e*) Need of pecuniary assistance.

(*f*) General health and vigor of constitution.

In case no applicant for aid appear from the bounds of this Synod, others may be received, who are duly recommended, in harmony with the above requirements, by the Board of Home Missions, or by the faculty of any General Synod institution of learning; provided said applicants express a willingness to labor on the territory of this Synod, if the opportunity be afforded.

Every beneficiary receiving aid from this Synod shall be required to sign a note of the following form, for every sum received.

For value received, I promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, the sum of —— dollars; if, after I shall have entered the ministry, I shall be able to do so; Provided, however, that if I should fail to enter the ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in connection with the General Synod, or remain therein, or be dismissed from the institution of learning for misconduct, or leave the Lutheran Church, then the whole of the above sum shall be due, with interest from date.

When a beneficiary has become liable for sums received as per conditions of above note, this Committee shall take, or cause to be taken, all lawful and honorable means to collect said sums due this Synod.

This Committee shall meet at any time at the call of the Chairman.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Licensure and Ordination shall consist of three ordained ministers.

All applicants for Licensure or Ordination shall appear before this Committee, and sustain a preliminary examination, as specified in Articles X. and XI., and no applicant shall appear before the Ministerium, before being so examined, and recommended by this Committee.

After his preliminary examination and recommendation by this Committee, an applicant may be subjected to a further examination by the Ministerium sitting as a committee of the whole.

The ordinary meetings of this Committee shall be held during the convention of Synod. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President of Synod, as per Article V., Sec. 1.

ARTICLE XIII.

PROCESS AGAINST A MINISTER.

SECTION 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depend very much on the character of its ministers, Synod ought to regard with the utmost care and impartiality the conduct of its members.

SEC. 2. All Christians should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an evil report of any member of the church, and especially of a minister of the Gospel. If any member knows a minister to be guilty of a private censurable fault, he should warn him in private, if this prove fruitless, he should apply to the Church Council, who shall proceed as specified in Chapter III., Sec. 5, of Formula of Government.

SEC. 3. If accusation be lodged, according to Chapter II., Sec. 5, with the President within two months of the next Synodical meeting, he shall defer the matter to said meeting; yet if the charge be one of gross immorality or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties until his case is decided. If such accusation be lodged with the President at an earlier date, he shall, if the case be one of gross immorality, or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, immediately appoint a committee of five ordained ministers of the Synod to meet without unnecessary delay, at a suitable place, and institute a formal investigation of the case, according to the principles of this Formula. The chairman of the committee shall give at least ten days' notice to all parties concerned, of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 4. If the Synod is divided into Conference districts, the President may at his discretion intrust the matter to Conference, and notify the members to meet and proceed as above.

SEC. 5. Any three members of the committee, or a majority of the Conference thus meeting, shall have power to proceed and hold a fair and impartial investigation of the case, and take all necessary measures as may be just and proper to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused.

SEC. 6. If the accused confess, and the matter be such gross immorality or circulating fundamental error, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of the office until the meeting of the Synod.

SEC. 7. If a minister accused of gross offenses, being duly notified, refuse to attend the investigation, he shall be immediately suspended from office.

SEC. 8. If the accused deny the charge, and yet, on the examination of the evidence, be found guilty, the Committee or Conference shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence on him.

SEC. 9. The highest punishment which can be afflicted by a committee or special conference, appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported at next meeting of Synod, and remain in force until reversed by the Synod.

SEC. 10. Any minister intending to appeal from the decision of a committee or conference, shall give notice of it to the chairman of the committee or con-

ference within three weeks of the time when the decision was made, that both parties may be prepared for a new trial.

SEC. 11. Conferences, not especially convened for the purpose, may attend to any charges of importance against a minister within their bounds, if all the parties concerned are prepared and willing to proceed.

SEC. 12. If at any time accusation be lodged with the President according to Chap. III., Sec. 5, for a less offense than those specified in Sec. 3 of this article, he shall take no other steps in the case than to write to the accused and accusers, exhorting them to mutual forbearance, and referring them to the next Synod.

SEC. 13. If accusation against a minister be made immediately to the Synod, and the Synod believe itself in possession of all the evidence necessary to a just decision, the case may be immediately examined and sentence passed, provided the accused shall have fifteen days' notice, together with a written specification of the charges brought against him, and this whether he shall be present at Synod or not. But if the necessary evidence be not before the Synod and the offense be such as specified in Sec. 3, then it shall be entrusted to a committee or Conference to proceed as above specified.

SEC. 14. If a minister be found guilty of gross immortality or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed until he shall give satisfactory evidence of penitence and reformation, and his restoration shall be by the same judicatory which suspended him, or at its recommendation.

SEC. 15. If the common report of a minister's guilt or any of the charges above specified be such as seriously to injure the cause of religion, and his own church do not proceed against him, it shall be the duty of any other minister or layman having obtained two other signatures of credible men, to report the case to the President.

ARTICLE XIV.

FINANCES.

SECTION 1. All necessary expenses of this Synod shall be met by annual contributions by each congregation within its bounds, in such ratio as Synod may direct.

SEC. 2. Each congregation of this Synod shall systematically provide to meet the apportionment for benevolence as directed by the General Synod.

ARTICLE XV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Installation.

SECTION 1. When a minister is called to take charge of a congregation, it is regarded as desirable that the union between pastor and people be solemnized by special installation services. The President shall, therefore, appoint a committee, when requested so to do, to attend to such services as are prescribed in

our Liturgy for such occasions, and said committee shall report to the President the act of installation.

Conference Districts.

SECTION 1. This Synod shall be formed into two Conference Districts, divided by the Northern boundary line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties.

SEC. 2. The object of such meetings shall be the preaching of the Word, mutual consultation and encouragement in the work of the Lord, and seeking in every proper way to advance the interest of religion among the churches.

SEC. 3. Conferences may attend to any business referred to them by Synod or by congregations, which does not specially belong to Synod itself.

SEC. 4. The records of the proceedings of Conferences shall be submitted to Synod for examination and review.

SEC. 5. Lay delegates may be sent to Conference under the same regulations and with the same privileges as to Synods.

ARTICLE XVI.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The President shall open the first session of Synod with appropriate religious services, and every session thereafter shall be opened and closed with prayer. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall conduct the opening exercises, and in the absence of both, the oldest acting minister present.

2. Calling of the roll of ministers and licentiates by the Secretary, and noting the absentees.

3. Reception of lay delegates, who shall exhibit their certificates of appointment and be registered.

4. Application for membership from other Lutheran Synods received. If objection be made to an applicant, the case shall be deferred until after Synod is fully organized.

5. Reading the President's annual report.

6. Treasurer's report.

7. Election of officers for the ensuing year.

8. Delegates from other Synods or members from other bodies received.

9. Minutes of the last Synod read or referred to a committee.

10. All papers intended for the Synod may be handed in and verbal notice given of any important business intended to be brought before the Synod.

11. The papers may be taken up and discussed or referred to appropriate committees, who can report at any time when ready. Reports of special and standing committees shall have preference.

12. Presentations of Parochial Reports according to the rules of Synod.

13. Education and missionary business. This may be attended to by Synod as a whole, or committees may be charged with it, who shall report to Synod.

14. Vacant congregations inquired into and provisions made for them.

15. Promiscuous business.

16. Election of delegates to General Synod, and of trustees or directors in any institution in which Synod is represented. All elections shall be by ballot.

17. Appointment of delegates to other Synods or other ecclesiastical bodies.

18. Choice of time and place of meeting.

19. Adjournment of Synod to time and place of next meeting. Synod shall be closed with appropriate religious exercises.

ARTICLE XVII.

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS, ETC.

SECTION 1. This Synod may at any regular meeting adopt such By-Laws as circumstances may require, provided they are not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. This Constitution may be altered and amended, provided such alteration or amendment be set forth in writing in the precise words which are to be altered or amended, and as such be incorporated in the minutes, and provided that at the next annual meeting of the Synod two-thirds of all the members present agree to the proposed change.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

HELD AT

Sacramento, April 14th, 1893.

The First Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of California, met according to appointment in the parlors of the First English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, Cal., on Friday afternoon, April 14th, 1893.

The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers, Oakland.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. J. Everding, San Francisco; Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento; Mrs. C. W. Maggart, San Diego.

Recording Secretary—Miss M. R. Love, San Francisco.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Moller, Oakland.

Treasurer—Mrs. Philip Graif, Oakland.

Literature Committee—Mrs. C. W. Maggart, San Diego.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, who announced Hymn 393, "Nearer my God to Thee," from Book of Worship, followed by a consecration service consisting of responsive Scripture reading from 51st Psalm, Hymn 498, "Saviour like a Shepherd lead us," and prayers for "Personal Consecration," by Mrs. A. V. Hamma, for "Sustaining Grace for Home and Foreign work," by Mrs. C. W. Maggart.

After singing Hymn 182, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson extended a most cordial welcome to the Convention, which was very gracefully responded to by Mrs. Milton H. Stine, of Los Angeles.

On motion of Mrs. A. V. Hamma, the General Convention's rules of order were adopted.

Credentials were then called for, whereupon the Missionary Society of the German Lutheran church made application for admission to the California Society, which was joyfully granted, and on presentation of their credentials their delegates were enrolled on the Society's list.

Following are the names of delegates present:

Mrs. A. V. Hamma, San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. Milton H. Stine, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. C. W. Maggart, San Diego, Cal.

Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento, Cal.

Miss L. L. A. Tressler, San José, Cal.

Mrs. Geo. Flick, Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. Lotheimer and Mrs. Sermonet, of the German Lutheran church of Sacramento.

Hymn 149, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was then sung, after which the President Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers, of Oakland, gave a most earnest and practical address, suggesting many helpful thoughts for future progress of the Society.

Next followed the reports of Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, which showed an advancing state of interest in the different Auxiliary Societies.

After singing Hymn 434, "Blest be the Tie," Mrs. C. W. Maggart, Chairman of the Literature Committee, presented her report.

A motion was made by Mrs. Everding, and duly seconded, that the Secretary write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Hamma, for her exceeding kindness in gratuitously furnishing the different Auxiliaries with literature for the past year. The motion was carried.

Delegates then made reports of the state of interest in the Societies of their respective churches. These proved to be of the most encouraging nature, after which Mrs. Philip Graif, of Oakland, read an exceedingly interesting paper, entitled "The Motive Power of Missions."

Greetings from the General Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society were presented in a most felicitious manner by Mrs. A. V. Hamma.

A letter of most cordial sympathy was received from Mrs. E. S. Prince, Secretary of the Executive Committee, also from Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., General Western Secretary of Home Missions.

Rev. V. G. A. Treesler, of San José, then delivered a short, well-chosen and very interesting address, after which the President appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee—Mrs. A. V. Hamma, Mrs. J. Everding and Mrs. Geo. Flick.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson and Miss L. L. A. Tressler.

On Resolutions and Letters of Greeting—Mrs. M. H. Stine and Miss M. R. Love.

President's Address and Reports—Mrs. P. Graif, Mrs. W. H. Moller and Mrs. C. W. Maggart.

Literature Committee—Mrs. C. W. Maggart, San Diego; Mrs. M. H. Stine, Los Angeles; Mrs. R. Love, San Francisco; Mrs. Lotheimer, Sacramento; Miss L. L. A. Tressler, San José; Mrs. Luther, Oakland.

The Convention then adjourned after singing the Doxology.

SATURDAY MORNING.

April 15th, 1893.

The devotional service, beginning at 9 o'clock, was led by the President, and consisted of—

Hymn 358, "Jesus, lover of my Soul."

Scripture reading from 1 Cor. xiii chapter.

Prayers offered by Mrs. M. H. Stine and Mrs. J. Everding.

Hymn 364, "My faith looks up to Thee."

The business opened with Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers, President, in the chair.

Minutes of preceding session read and approved, after which the roll was called.

Mrs. C. W. Maggart, of San Diego, then read an exceedingly interesting paper upon "Foreign Mission Work," which was handled in a most able manner, and elicited close attention and general approval.

After singing Hymn 530, "Sun of my Soul," another paper was read upon the subject of "Work among the Young," by Miss L. L. A. Tressler, of San José. This was drawn from her own experience of some years' work, and presented many very interesting lines of thought and work.

The meeting was then thrown open for any remarks bearing on the above subject, and after several of the delegates availing themselves of the opportunity, Mrs. A. V. Hamma gave a most tender and touching address of parting advice to the Society.

Mrs. Everding moved that the thanks of this Society be extended to Mrs. Hamma for her exceedingly kind and sympathetic advice, which was adopted.

The President then called for the reports of special committees.

Mrs. A. V. Hamma, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee would submit the following:

President—Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers.

Vice-President—Mrs. J. Everding.

Recording Secretary—Miss M. R. Love.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Moller.

Treasurer—Mrs. Philip Graif.

The Auditing Committee reported $138.50 as having been sent to the General Treasurer during the year from California Societies.

The report of the Committee on the President's Address and other reports were then presented, which were accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the reports of progress and increased usefulness of the different Societies.

2. *Resolved*, That we the members of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society in Convention assembled do our utmost to increase the membership, interest and efficiency of our respective societies during this synodical year.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our regrets at the enforced absence of Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and that with him we are conscious of the necessity of extending mission work both at home and abroad. And that the Secretary be instructed to send the Society's greetings to Dr. Barnitz.

4. *Resolved*, That we express our pleasure in having our dear sister, Mrs. Hamma, member of the Executive Board, with us at this meeting, and that she be requested to bear the greetings of this Society to the General Society.

5. *Resolved*, That we hereby return thanks to Mrs. Dr. Hoskinson, Mrs. Oehler, and the members of their churches, for their kind reception and entertainment during our stay among them.

6. *Resolved*, That we return thanks to the press of this city for notices of our Convention.

In consequence of a communication from the Executive Committee, that our Constitution was not in harmony with that of the General Society, a motion was made and seconded that the Society discard the Constitution of last year and adopt that of the General Society. This motion was unanimously carried and the Synodical Constitution adopted.

The President then announced that an election for delegate to the Omaha Convention was next in order, and the result was that Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson was duly elected as principal, and Mrs. A. V. Hamma as alternate.

A motion was made and seconded that the greetings from this Society be presented to the General Society by our delegate. This motion was carried.

It was suggested that the Society be incorporated, but the matter was deferred for further consideration.

Mrs. Hamma moved that a Committee of not less than three be appointed to draft By-Laws, which was adopted.

A motion was then made by Mrs. Everding that the President be Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, which was carried, and the following constitute that Committee:

Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers, of Oakland.

Mrs. W. H. Moller, of Oakland.

Mrs. A. V. Hamma, San Francisco.

According to appointment, Rev. Philip Graif, of Oakland, President of Synod, gave a few remarks concerning the Oakland

Mission, which were listened to with great interest. He also presented each member of the Synodical Society with a very beautiful lithograph of the proposed new church.

He was followed with short addresses from Revs. C. W. Maggart, M. H. Stine, Victor G. A. Tressler, Dr. Hamma, Dr. Hoskinson, Mr. J. Everding and Wm. H. Moller.

The offering amounted to $9.45 which was used to defray expenses of Convention.

Mrs. C. W. Maggart most cordially invited the Convention to the hospitality of San Diego, which was accepted.

It was moved that this Society adjourn to meet at San Diego next April, 1894.

The benediction by Dr. Hoskinson closed the First Annual Convention of the Missionary Society of California.

MINNIE R. LOVE,
Recording Secretary.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES,

CONVENED IN

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 4th to 8th, 1894.

ALSO,

A SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synodical W. H. & F. M. Society,

HELD AT

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 5th and 6th, 1894.

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TIMES AND PLACES OF MEETING SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

No.	*Time.*	*Place.*
1	March 31st to April 2d, 1891	Los Angeles.
2	April 27th to May 1st, 1892	San Francisco.
3	April 12th to 16th, 1893	Sacramento.
4	April 4th to 8th, 1894	San Diego.

THE FIFTH CONVENTION.

Place—Los Angeles, California.

Time—April 24th, 1895.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1894-95.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT.

Rev. M. H. STINE,
8th and Flower Streets, Los Angeles, California.

SECRETARY.

Rev. J. S. SIMON,
Geary Street near Octavia, San Francisco, California.

TREASURER.

Mr. JOHN EVERDING,
2116 Mason Street, San Francisco, California.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Home Missions.

Rev. M. H. Stine, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D.,
Rev. J. S. Simon.

Church Extension.

Rev. M. H. Stine, Rev. C. W. Maggart,
Rev. W. S. Hoskinson.

Beneficiary Education.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Rev. C. W. Maggart,
Rev. J. S. Moser.

Examination of Candidates for the Ministry.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Rev. J. S. Simon,
Rev. M. H. Stine.

State of Churches and Religion.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler,
Rev. C. W. Maggart.

Parochial Reports.

Rev. Philip Graif, Rev. C. W. Maggart,
Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

Minutes of Synod.

Rev. J. S. Moser, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler,
Rev. Chas. F. Oehler.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

CONVENED IN

SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 4–8, 1894.

San Diego, Cal., April 4, 1894, 7:30 p. m.

The Synod of California met in its Fourth Annual Session in the First Lutheran Church of San Diego, California.

Rev. Philip Graif, President of Synod, preached the opening sermon from Matt. xvi. 17–18. Subject: "The Divine Christ, the Rock of an Invincible and Triumphant Gospel."

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, April 5, 9 a. m.

After a half hour's devotional service conducted by the President, Rev. Philip Graif, the first session was opened with prayer by the President.

The clerical roll was then called, and absentees noted.

The roll of pastorates was called, credentials of lay delegates received, and their names enrolled.

New Members.

The following new members were received on certificates of dismission from other Synods:

Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., from the New York and New Jersey Synod.

Rev. J. S. Simon, from the East Ohio Synod.

Synodical Roll.

Clerical Roll.	Residence.	Lay Delegates.
1. Rev. S. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL.D.	San Diego, Cal. ..	No Charge.
2. Rev. Wm. Uhl.....	Monrovia, Cal....	No Charge.
3. Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., *a.e.*.	Washington, D. C.	No Charge.
4. Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., *a. e.*	Sacramento, Cal...	L. W. Grothen.
5. Rev. Philip Graif.....	Oakland, Cal.	Wm. Moller.
6. Rev. C. W. Maggart.....	San Diego, Cal. ..	Dr. P. S. Leisenring.
7. Rev. J. S. Moser	Riverside, Cal. ...	C. J. Borchgrevink.
8. Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	San José, Cal.....	James Dutot, *a. e.*
9. Rev. C. F. Oehler.....	Sacramento, Cal. .	F. Lothhammer.
10. Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth, *a. e.*	Alameda, Cal.	
11. Rev. M. H. Stine.....	Los Angeles, Cal..	Wm. Bosbyshell.
12. Rev. H. Ghercke, *a. e.*.....	San Francisco, Cal.	
13. Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., *a.e.*	San Diego, Cal. ..	No Charge.
14. Rev. J. S. Simon.....	San Francisco, Cal.	John Everding, *a. e.*
15. Rev. G. W. F. Kiesel.....	Monrovia, Cal. ...	Rev. Wm. Uhl.
16. Rev. J. Schmierer	Monrovia, Cal....	No Charge.

a. e., Absent and excused.

Applications for Membership.

Authorized by vote of Synod, the President appointed the following committee to consider the applications of Revs. G. W. F. Kiesel and J. Schmierer, from the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, for membership in this body: Rev. Wm. Uhl, Rev. J. S. Simon.

President's Report.

The President read his report as follows:

My Dear Brethren: In the third year of our Synodical existence, especially favored of God in a year of hard times, we assemble together in this new and handsome and well-appointed temple of worship, to hold sweet fellowship and communion with one another, to compare records of struggle and achievement, to glorify God for signal and timely help in hours of strain and difficulty, to catch new flames of inspiration and zeal in the blessed work of the Master, to devise wise measures for the extension of the kingdom, to grow into full

mastership of the grand problems and opportunities that beckon us to high endeavor, and so to become useful, in the best sense, in the fields of toil which Providence has graciously allotted to each one of us.

AD INTERIM LICENSE.

On June 12th, 1893, A. C. Stup, a student in the middle year at the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to spend his summer vacation looking up our interests at Riverside, applied for an *ad interim* license, and presented his credentials to us personally. Being strongly indorsed by Rev. Dr. M. Valentine, Chairman of the Seminary Faculty, and further recommended by Rev. Dr. W. S. Hoskinson, Chairman of our Examining Committee, we issued the *ad interim* license to the young man. After three months of faithful, promising toil, he returned East to complete his studies, in which he had always shone with particular brightness, but he soon found that he must lay aside the idea of finishing his course in the imperative search for health. But in spite of every precaution and medical advice and assistance, already in the early days of January last, in the fair flush of youth and holy ambition, he passed away, submissively bowing to the stroke of untimely death. To draft a set of resolutions, bearing tribute to the excellent worth of our departed young brother, would certainly not be inappropriate at this time.

ACCESSION.

On October 1st, we received a certificate from Rev. J. B. Bergner, President of the East Ohio Synod, dismissing Rev. J. S. Simon to the California Synod, on whose membership roll he has been duly placed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

On December 3d, 1893, Rev. J. S. Moser advised us of the fact, that formally appointed by the Executive Committee of the W. H. & F. M. S. in connection with the Board of Home Missions, to occupy Riverside, he had in the first week of November entered upon the work with vigor and hope of success.

On January 7th, 1894, we received a communication from Rev. G. W. F. Kiesel, of Monrovia, Cal., informing us of his call to the newly organized Lutheran church of that place, and expressing the desire to be identified with the California Synod.

On February 20th, 1894, we received a request from Rev. C. W. Maggart, of San Diego, Cal., to send a word of congratulation to his people, who, on February 25th, were to enter their new church for the first time. We had abundant reason for the use of glowing terms in lauding pastor and people for their pluck and persistence, and splendid achievement, in spite of unusual difficulty and the pessimistic cry of the hard times. Since viewing the structure with our own eyes, its architectural design and manifold niceties of practical arrangement have struck us even more favorably than did the newspaper cut or the literary description. From the church papers we gleaned

the fact that Rev. M. H. Stine, of Los Angeles, rendered valuable service on the above occasion, and that the outlook for this mission is highly encouraging. With its large career of prosperity, its sanctuary so unique and beautiful, and a wide-awake, intelligent, consecrated membership, it bids fair to do masterful things for the cause of Christ.

On March 20th, 1894, we received a communication from Rev. Dr. M. W. Hamma, of Washington, D. C., asking the California Synod to release him, by form of special resolution, from his personal pledge to the Beneficiary Fund, inasmuch as Mr. Louis Garrett, for whose benefit the obligation was assumed and consummated, has abandoned his purpose to study for the ministry. We trust suitable action in this matter will be taken. Besides contributing ten dollars to the Synodical Treasury, he sends an interesting report as delegate of the convention of the General Synod at Canton, Ohio.

INSTALLATIONS.

On the evening of October 1st, 1893, Rev. J. S. Simon, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, was installed pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of San Francisco, Cal, we officiating, and delivering the charge to the pastor and the people. The outlook of this prominent field is brilliant with promise, and the new relationship formed is one of particular happiness and encouragment.

In the name of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted, PHILIP GRAIF.

The report was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed Rev. M. H. Stine and Wm. Bosbyshell as tellers, who reported the result of the election as follows:

President—Rev. M. H. Stine.

Secretary—Rev. J. S. Simon.

Treasurer—Mr. John Everding.

Advisory Member.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., was elected an advisory member of Synod.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Mr. Wm. Moller, so as to give the President an opportunity to appoint his committees.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1894, 2 P. M.

Synod convened with prayer by Rev. Wm. Uhl.

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.

The hours of meeting and adjournment of Synod were fixed as follows:

Devotional services at 9 a. m.

Business sessions of Synod from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m., and from 2 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Report of Delegates to the General Synod.

Your Delegates to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, which convened at Canton, Ohio, May 24th–June 1st, 1893, beg leave to report that they were in attendance upon all its sessions, and endeavored, to the best of their ability, to faithfully represent the interests of the California Synod.

This convention of the General Synod was one of the most notable in its history, by reason of the action taken upon several very important subjects.

The first of these was the question of publishing two hymn-books, one with and the other without the "Common Service." It was decided by an overwhelming majority not to divide the hymn-book on the two Services, and to continue to publish but one book containing both Services. A committee was, however, appointed to prepare an abridged form of the "Common Service" for the use of those who might desire it, to be presented for adoption at the next meeting of the General Synod. The entire action on this question, sustained by such great unanimity, it is believed will practically remove this agitating subject from the Church.

The second was the revision of Luther's Catechism. The "Provisional" copy which had been circulated among the pastors, having been amended in several points by the Synod, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be prepared for final acceptance at the next meeting of the General Synod.

Another important action taken by this Convention was the unanimous adoption of a paper, presented by one of your own delegates, inviting all the different general bodies of our denomination to appoint committees to consult together on the possibilities of closer co-operation in the practical work of our Church.

One general body has already responded favorably to this invitation, and at least a beginning is made in this good work, which it is hoped will mark the rise of unifying influences of the most promising character in the great Church of the Reformation.

The reports of our various Boards show increased activity and enlarged operations in our missionary and educational interests, as well as in every other department of church work.

The business sessions of the Synod were marked with a spirit of harmony and a remarkable zeal for the Master's work, while all the religious services

were characterized by the true spirit of devotion and worship. It was a glorious convention.

Respectfully submitted, M. W. HAMMA,
G. G. BURNETT.

Report adopted.

Committees.

The President appointed the following committees:

No. 1. *On President's Report*—Rev. V. G. A. Tressler and Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

No. 2. *On Letters and Petitions*—Rev. C. W. Maggart and Hon. Wm. Bosbyshell.

No. 3. *On Apportionment*—Revs. J. S. Moser, G. W. F. Kiesel and L. W. Grothen.

No. 4. *On Leave of Absence and Absentees*—Revs. C. W. Maggart and Wm. Uhl.

No. 5. *Auditing*—Mr. Wm. Moller and Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell.

No. 6. *On Devotional Exercises*—Revs. C. W. Maggart and Philip Graif.

On Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers would respectfully report as follows:

1st. There has been placed in our hands a petition from Trinity Lutheran Church, of Riverside, Cal., properly signed, together with their Constitution and By-Laws for their government.

We find same in entire harmony with the demands of the General Synod. and would recommend that they be received into connection with this Synod,

2d. A petition from the Lutheran Church, at Monrovia asking for reception into our Synod, has been received, and inasmuch as no Constitution has been presented, we would respectfully refer the matter of its reception to open Synod.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

Report adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

Synod granted the application of the church at Monrovia for membership among its churches.

Report of Standing Committee on Minutes of Last Synod.

Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod have examined the same and offer the following report:

1st. On page 15, it is recommended that we urge the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board to appoint more Missionaries to promising fields in California; especially Santa Cruz, Watsonville and Santa Rosa.

Have any steps been taken to occupy such points, aside from Riverside, which is now occupied?

2d. On page 17 we find the following recommendations:

1. That Mr. L. R. Garrett be taken upon the funds of Synod provided he agree to the required conditions.

2. That ten cents per capita be apportioned for this purpose among the various churches.

3. That Rev. M. H. Stine be asked to acquaint Mr. Garrett with the requirements and conditions imposed by Synod upon its beneficiaries.

4. That Beneficiary Committee be authorized to procure suitable blank note forms.

Have these recommendations been complied with?

3d. On page 18 it was ordered that 200 extra copies of the Constitution be printed separately. Has this been done?

4th. On page 11 it is recommended that the Board of Church Extension grant a loan to the German Church of Alameda, Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth, pastor. Did the Society comply with the recommendation?

Respectfully submitted, J. S. MOSER,
V. G. A. TRESSLER.

The report was considered *seriatim*, as follows:

First item. Answer—None.

Second item. Answer—Yes.

Third item.—Answer—Yes.

Fourth item. Answer—Yes.

Report adopted as a whole.

Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education submit the following report:

The Synod of California thoroughly understands and heartily appreciates the inestimable advantages of a native and home-trained ministry, and has therefore, since its organization, been eager to find gifted and devoted young men from its own territory who will give themselves to the Christian ministry in the Lutheran Church.

Two years since, Mr. L. R. Garrett, of Los Angeles, having agreed to the conditions imposed by the Synod, was taken upon its funds as a beneficiary. He pursued his course with marked success.

This year, however, owing to circumstances which the Synod understand and over which brother Garrett had no control, he has been obliged to desist from his course of study.

We recommend therefore:

1. That brother Garrett be urged to resume his theological studies this Fall, in default of which he be asked to refund the money already given him, as indicated by the Treasurer's books.

2. That this Synod instruct its pastors to use every legitimate effort to encourage the brightest young men in their congregations to direct their attention to the gospel ministry, and to this end, that they preach one sermon each synodical year, setting forth the character and high dignity of the ministerial office.

Respectfully submitted,

V. G. A. TRESSLER,
M. H. STINE,
J. S. MOSER.

Report adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

Parochial reports were read and referred to the Committee on Parochial Reports.

Adjourned at 4 : 30 p. m. with prayer by Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1894, 7 : 30 P. M.

Synod met in union with the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Home Missions was the subject for the evening. Excellent addresses were made by Mrs. S. E. B. Myers and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1894, 9 A. M.

After a half hour's devotional service, led by Rev. Wm. Uhl, Synod was regularly opened with prayer by the President.

F. Lothhammer, Lay Delegate from the German Lutheran Church of Sacramento, was duly received and his name placed upon the roll of Synod.

The Secretary called the roll of the congregations, and made inquiry of each whether the entire apportionment had been raised, and if it had not, why not?

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of the President of the Synod of California for this past year is aptly told in the spirit of enthusiasm, and indicates a continued and progressive development and unfolding of power on the part of the great Lutheran Church on this Pacific Coast.

The following points are mentioned for Synodical notice:

1. A recommendation that out of respect to the memory of the late Rev. A. C. Stup, suitable resolutions shall be formulated and presented to this body. Shall Committee for such purpose be appointed?

2. A petition of Rev. G. W. F. Kiesel, asking to be identified with this Synod. Shall this matter be referred to the Synodical Ministerium for decision?

3. That the President's congratulations to the pastor and people of San Diego be enlarged to embrace the congratulations of the Synod of California to the devoted congregation and its loved pastor on behalf of their splendid work for the year.

4. That owing to absence of our beneficiary, Mr. L. R. Garrett, from school, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., be released from his self-imposed personal pledge on this behalf. Also that the thanks of the Synod be tendered its delegates to the General Synod for the masterful manner in which they represented California Lutheranism at its late Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

V. G. A. TRESSLER,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report was considered item by item.

The first item was approved, and a committee appointed, consisting of Revs. Graif and Tressler, to carry out the resolution.

Other items adopted, and report adopted as a whole.

Report of Standing Committee on Home Missions.

We have received the following petition from Trinity Lutheran Church of Riverside, Riverside, Cal., and recommend that the petition be granted.

PHILIP GRAIF,
M. W. HAMMA,
WM. MOLLER.

Report adopted.

Synod made the special order of business for 1:30 p. m. the report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

It was ordered that the Treasurer of Synod close his books on or about the 10th of March, and that all the benevolent moneys of the various churches be sent to him by that time.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we respectfully recommend that all congregations of our Synod require all their members to commune regularly, and that all members who refuse to commune for two consecutive years and who pay nothing to the

support of the church, shall be denied the right to vote in all congregational matters, and they shall not be reported to Synod as communicant members.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., was given the floor of Synod, and he addressed Synod on the work of the Board of Education.

The kind invitation of Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., to the Synod to visit him in his home on Saturday afternoon, was heartily accepted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Kiesel.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1894, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Bro. Wm. Bosbyshell.

The special order of Home Missions was taken up, and the report of the Home Mission Committee for 1893–94 was presented.

Home Mission Report.

It is with no small satisfaction that we perceive and chronicle the fact of a marked and general prosperity of our Missions, as indicated in the following summary statement. In the face of an unusual stringency in the money markets of the world, the benevolent work suffers but slightly—a high average along this line being clearly seen. Indeed, in almost every item advance is strikingly visible, and in some individual cases, the progress achieved borders well nigh on the phenomenal.

We would recommend:

1. That we greatly appreciate the Board's wisdom and kindness in arranging to favor us with the presence and services of Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., our Western Secretary.

2. That we gratefully acknowledge the paramount interest the Woman's Board is taking in our California work.

3 That we especially urge the Boards to take up, as soon as practicable, Watsonville and Salinas as one charge, and Santa Rosa, in the order of their prospective value.

Missions	6
Communicant Membership	630
Additions (net gain 116)	200
Losses	84
Infant Baptisms	78
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.	
Teachers and Officers	85
Scholars	768
Money contributed	$801 77

MONEY RAISED FOR

Local Objects		$13,728 59
Home Missions	$128 75	
Foreign Missions	105 60	
Church Extension	115 65	
Education	62 59	
California Synod	42 40	
Pastors' Fund	17 70	
General Synod	8 58	
Orphans' Home	26 70	
External Objects	105 00	
W. H. & F. M. Society	209 97	
Total Benevolence		822 94
Grand Total		$14,551 53

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP GRAIF,
M. W. HAMMA,
WM. MOLLER.

Report was adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your Committee has received a petition from the Lutheran church of Monrovia, Cal., asking Synod to recommend to the Board of Home Missions that they grant the church an appropriation of $200, for a few years, to aid in supporting the pastor, and we recommend that their request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. STINE,
J. S. SIMON.

Report adopted.

Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, Rev. A. C. Stup, a licentiate of this Synod, commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to pioneer the work at Riverside, has entered into his reward; and,

Whereas, He was known as a young man of high character and scholarship, and more than ordinary consecration to the work of the Master; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Synod bear testimony to his virtues and offer this chaplet to his memory, inspired by the prayer and hope that his early and sudden departure from earth may not only impress us with a deeper sense of life's shortness and uncertainty, but also sharpen our feeling of individual responsibility to God, and fan into a brighter and steadier flame our devotion to Christ and His cause.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP GRAIF,
V. G. A. TRESSLER.

Resolutions adopted by a rising vote.

Dr. S. B. Barnitz led the Synod in an earnest prayer, asking that God would give to one and all the spirit of whole-hearted consecration in the work of the blessed Master.

Absence and Absentees.

Your Committee on Absence and Absentees would respectfully report as ollows:

For sufficient reasons, known to us, we would recommend that Revs. M. W. Hamma, D. D., W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., H. E. J. Ongerth, H. Ghercke, and A. C. Wedekind, D. D., be excused for non-attendance at this Synod. Also that the following lay delegates be excused: John Everding and James Dutot.

We desire further to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Angel of Death has been hovering over the home of our brother, Dr. Hoskinson, ready to claim his own; and also,

WHEREAS, Our Treasurer, Bro. John Everding, has been detained because of illness; therefore,

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy go out to them, that prayers be now offered for speedy recovery, and that the Secretary of Synod be asked to express the sympathetic affection of Synod to these brethren.

C. W. MAGGART,
WM. UHL.

Report adopted.

Apportionment.

The report of the Apportionment Committee was received and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Synod took a recess for the purpose of visiting the meeting of the Woman's H. & F. M. Society.

After a recess of forty-five minutes, Synod again resumed the regular order of business.

The Treasurer was authorized to make out his report after the meeting of Synod, and submit it to the Chairman of the Auditing Committee, and which, after being approved, should be incorporated in the Minutes of Synod.

By motion, Synod made the special order for Saturday, 9 to 10 a. m., the Preparatory Service and the Synodical Communion.

Adjourned at 4 : 30 p. m. with prayer by Rev. J. S. Moser.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1894, 7 : 30 P. M.

The subjects for the evening were "Foreign Missions," "Church

Extension" and "Education." Addresses were made upon these subjects, in the order in which they are given, by Revs. J. S. Moser, J. S. Simon and V. G. A. Tressler.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1894, 9 A. M.

The special order of this hour being the Preparatory Service and the celebration of the Holy Supper, Rev. C. F. Oehler preached a sermon suitable to the occasion, basing his remarks on the 51st Psalm.

At 10 o'clock the Synod again resumed its regular order of business. It was moved that a committee of two be appointed to draw up resolutions respecting the work of the Young People's Societies in our Synod.

The President appointed Rev. V. G. A. Tressler and Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

Parochial Reports.

The Committee on Parochial Reports submitted its report, which was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

By a standing vote, Synod authorized the President to return the thanks of Synod to the members and friends of the Lutheran Church of San Diego, for their kind and generous hospitality in entertaining the Synod.

State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church report as follows:

The past year, while in many aspects one of distress, ought to have been, and we believe has been, conducive to a larger Christian sympathy, helping us "to bear one another's burdens," and also to a deeper personal piety, which has led each one of us to more often pray,

> "Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
> By the power of grace divine;
> Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
> And my will be lost in Thine."

A sense of weakness in our struggle to further the kingdom of the Christ and work of the Church has doubtless wrought in us all a healthy, manly dependence upon the Lord of the vineyard.

The tenor of the reports from the several fields of work is of such character as to make us firmly confident that the good God is still guiding our people and pastors, tenderly and yet mightily.

The usual means of grace have not in any case been suspended, and their use has proved divinely and progressively efficient. It appears that the preaching was scriptural, the ministration continual, and their results effectual. True, much that has been done can neither be gauged nor measured by us. It and its effects are now known to Him alone, who knoweth all things and doeth all things well.

Humbly grateful for His past proffered benediction, reverently adknowledging His loving providence, we submit ourselves and our work, our persons and our churches, once more to His keeping.

We recommend to the churches, for the furtherance of a practical, healthful, thrifty Christianity:

1st. That there be the widest circulation of that great pastors' aid, the church paper.

2d. That all the youth of the Church be studiously and thoroughly instructed in Luther's Catechism.

3d. That there be a more devoted faithfulness on the part of our membership to all the means of grace, especially the preparatory and mid-week services of the Church.

Praying that the great Head of the Church may hold us steadfast in the faith, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, until He shall call us into that blessed heavenly fellowship where our communion shall be forever perfect and our joy forever full, we submit this our report in His name.

VICTOR G. A. TRESSLER,
M. W. HAMMA.

Report adopted *seriatim* and as whole.

Synod was led in prayer by brother Tressler, asking God's blessing upon the work of the coming year.

Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Young People's Societies submit the following report:

Whether viewed with reference to its inauspicious birth, its sudden rise to prominence, its phenomenal growth, its contagious enthusiasm, its supreme devotion or its telling results, there has been no more marked Christian spectacle in these last days than that of the tremendous and splendid work of the young people, undertaken by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and on behalf of Christ and His Church.

Believing that the strength and devotion of youth may be better directed and utilized through the agency of these Young People's Societies, and recognizing true worth wherever found, the Lutheran Church gives this already tested movement among its young "all hail" and "God speed," recommending:

1. That the Synod urge upon its several pastors the organization of their young people on the line of the principles underlying the "Young People's Luther Alliance," "Augsburg League," or "Christian Endeavor Society."

2. That the "Young People's Society," under whatever name, is always and shall be only an adjunct of the Church, which alone is divine, and is therefore to be under the full supervision of pastor and church council.

3. That we express our interest in the movement by asking the appointment of a speaker who shall present the matter of the young people and their work at the next Convention of our Synod.

4. That we congratulate the Young People's Societies already formed within the bounds of this Synod for their devoted aggressive and effectual efforts for our beloved Church.

Respectfully submitted, V. G. A. TRESSLER,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

It was moved that a committee of three, with the pastor *loci* as chairman and the President of Synod as second, be appointed to prepare a program for the next Convention of Synod.

It was so ordered.

The President appointed Revs. M. H. Stine, J. S. Moser and J. S. Simon.

The Secretary of Synod was instructed to call the attention of the Statistical Secretary of the General Synod to the column in the Parochial Reports headed "Excommunications and Other Losses," with a request that if practicable, it should be changed so as to make it more clear and definite.

Synod authorized the appointment of a committee on Systematic Beneficence, and the President appointed Rev. C. F. Oehler, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson and Mr. L. W. Grothen.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee on Excess and Deficit be appointed. The following is the committee as appointed by the President: Rev. C. W. Maggart and Mr. C. J. Borchgrevink.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Synod voted to hold the next meeting in Los Angeles, second Wednesday evening after Easter, 1895.

The Secretary of Synod was instructed to have printed three hundred copies of the Minutes of Synod.

Rev. C. W. Maggart was appointed Historian of Synod.

Lutheran Literature.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we heartily recommend to the members of our churches that they purchase and read "Lutherans in all Lands," by Rev. J. N. Lenker, and the "Lutheran Manual," by Junius B. Remensnyder, D. D.

Synod closed its Fourth Annual Convention with prayer by Rev. Wm. Uhl, and adjourned to meet in Los Angeles, the second Wednesday evening after Easter.

J. S. SIMON,
Secretary of the Synod of California.

MINISTERIUM.

San Diego, Cal., April 5, 1894, 12 M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. Philip Graif.

Report of Committee on Applications for Membership.

Whereas, Revs. G. W. F. Kiesel and J. Schmierer, of the Northern District of the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, have applied for letters of dismission from the District Synod in order to unite with this body; and,

Whereas, Said District Synod does not meet in time to secure their certificates for this convention of the Synod of California; and,

Whereas, The letters of Rev. M. Loy, D. D., and others of the Joint Synod of Ohio, give the highest character and commendation to these brethren; therefore,

Resolved, That the names of Revs. G. W. F. Kiesel and J. Schmierer be placed on our roll, and that so soon as their letters be received the President be authorized to regularly receive them as members of the Synod of California.

Respectfully submitted, WM. UHL,
J. S. SIMON.

Report adopted.

San Diego, Cal., April 6, 1894.

The Ministerium met to hear the report of the Examining Committee, and after prayer by Dr. Barnitz the following report was presented:

After a close and careful inspection of the credentials and an examination of Max Dederer on the subjects constitutionally prescribed as necessary to qualification for the gospel ministry, we are prepared to recommend him for an *ad interim* license, providing a field opens to him within our bounds during the Synodical year.

PHILIP GRAIF,
M. H. STINE.

Adjourned with prayer. J. S. SIMON, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

JOHN EVERDING, *Treasurer, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 12, 1893, to April 1, 1894.*

	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	For Alameda German Church	Total
To Balance		$32 61									$32 61
" Oakland			$22 50	$20 25	$20 25	$2 20		$1 50	$10 00		76 70
" Sacramento	$2 00	10 00	25 00	22 50	10 50	6 25					76 25
" San Diego	2 00	10 00	25 25	22 50	22 50	6 50	$10 25	5 00	5 00		109 00
" San José	1 90	9 82	22 05	20 25	20 25	3 50	12 12	4 50	5 00		99 39
" Los Angeles			33 50	30 15	30 15	8 35		6 70	6 70		115 55
" San Francisco	5 20	26 00	65 00	58 50	58 50	16 25	26 00	13 00	13 00		281 45
" Sacramento, German		7 80	10 00	10 00	10 00					$20 00	57 80
" Alameda, German.											
" M. W. Hamma, D. D.		10 00					14 00				24 00
To amount received	$11 10	$106 23	$203 30	$184 15	$172 15	$43 05	$62 37	$30 70	$39 70	$20 00	$872 75
" " remitted	11 10		203 30	184 15	172 15	43 05	62 37	30 70	39 70	20 00	766 52

By Lutheran Publication Society for Minutes	$87 34	Synodical Treasury	$106 23
By filing account of incorporation	10 00	Expenditures	97 34
Total	$97 34	Cash on hand April 1st, 1894	$8 89

Respectfully submitted, J. EVERDING, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX B.—Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.		
	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.
Oakland			$1 80			$9 00	$22 50			$20 25			$20 25		
Sacramento	$2 00			$10 00			25 00			22 50			22 50		
San Diego	2 00			10 00			25 25	$25 00		22 50			22 50		
San José	1 90	$0 10		9 00			22 50			20 25			20 25		
Los Angeles			2 68			13 40	33 50			30 15			30 15		
San Francisco	5 20			26 00			65 00			58 50			58 50		
Sacramento, German	3 20		3 20	12 80		3 20	10 00		$30 00	10 00		$26 00	10 00		$26 00
Alameda, German			1 90			9 60			24 00			21 60			21 60

	Board of Education.			Benefi'ry Education.			Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Totals.		
	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid	Excess.	Deficit.
Oakland	$2 20		$3 42			$9 00	$1 50		$3 00	$10 00	$5 50		$76 70		$20 72
Sacramento	6 25					10 00			5 00			$5 00	88 25		20 00
San Diego	6 50	$25 00		$10 25	$0 25		5 00			5 00			109 00	$0 75	
San José	5 62			10 00	1 00		4 50			5 00	50		99 02	1 60	
Los Angeles	8 35		02			13 40	6 70			6 70			115 55		29 50
San Francisco	16 25			26 00			13 00			13 00			281 45		
Sacramento, German	100 00	90 00		10 00		6 00			8 00			8 00	152 80		20 40
Alameda, German			6 00			9 60			4 80		4 80				103 92

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART, C. J. BORCHGREVINK.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastor's Name and Address.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Excommunication and other losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for All Objects.	
C. W. Maggart, 1425 Fifth St., San Diego	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	10	1	....	10	7	3	2	11	7	112	$15000 00	$5000 00	$8227 25	1
M. H. Stine, cor. 8th and Flower Sts, Los Angeles	First Eng. Lutheran.	1	..	2	..	15	3	2	20	6	3	16	22	10	160	24000 00	6700 00	2501 83	2
J. S. Simon, Geary St., near Octavia, San Francisco	First Eng. Ev. Luth.	1		2	..	13	1	....	26	3	..	14	4	..	252	55000 00	8500 00	4500 00	3
W. S. Hoskinson, 1309 O St., Sacramento.	First Eng. Ev. Luth	1	..	1	.	12	2	1	14	25	5	5	6	12	110	14000 00	3740 00	980 45	4
Philip Graif, 722 17th St., Oakland	First Eng. Lutheran.	1	..	2	..	12	2	3	9	8	2	10	3	7	96	13000 00	9000 00	1497 30	5
Victor G. A. Tressler, Safe Deposit Block, San José.	Grace Eng. Ev. Luth.	1	..	2	..	15	1	4	12	14	11	5	7	4	100	.....	.....	874 76	6
Chas. F. Oehler, 1207 K St., Sacramento	German Lutheran	1	..	..	..	16	8	....	13	59	1	33	1	..	170	20000 00	800 00	5300 00	7
J. S. Moser, 601 Comer Ave., Riverside	Trinity Lutheran	1	..	..	..	....		....	....	18	2	1	47	..	50	.....	18 00	97 00	8
H. E. J. Ongerth, 1419 Ninth St., Alameda	German Ev. Luth.	1	..	..	..	8	5	3	...	10	..	8	....	5	93	1500 00	650 00	582 60	9
H. Gehrcke, 546 Turk St., San Francisco	.....	..	.	..	..	....	..	....	...	9	..	....	4	..	....	.....	.....	.....	10
G. W. F. Kiesel, Riverside	First Ev. Lutheran	..	.		..	....	..	....	....	3	..	....	....	..	36	.....	.....	120 00	11
		9	..	11	..	101	23	13	104	162	27	94	105	45	1179	$142500 00	$34408 00	$24681 19	12

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Continued.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions: For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconesses Board.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	..	12	116	$72 21	$53 51	$2 00	$10 00	$25 25	$22 50	$22 50	$3 50	$10 25	$73 30	$5 00	$5 00	.....	$25 00	$207 30	$8434 55
2	2	..	22	190	211 37	72 15	.....	.....	33 50	30 15	30 15	8 35	.....	72 00	6 70	6 70	.....	75 00	262 55	2764 38
3	1	..	25	190	275 00	113 00	5 20	26 00	65 00	58 50	58 50	16 25	26 00	36 35	13 00	13 00	.....	.....	317 80	4817 80
4	1	..	12	168	101 32	45 58	2 00	10 00	25 00	22 50	22 50	6 25	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00	163 25	1143 70
5	1	..	12	100	72 00	25 60	.....	.....	22 50	20 25	20 25	2 20	.....	8 45	1 50	10 00	.....	10 00	95 15	1592 45
6	1	...	16	120	95 00	30 00	1 90	9 00	22 50	20 25	20 25	5 62	10 00	26 22	4 50	5 00	.....	10 00	135 24	1010 00
7	1	..	15	175	150 00	35 00	.....	12 50	10 00	10 00	10 00	100 00	10 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	38 50	225 00	5525 00
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9	1	..	8	95	123 45	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	582 60
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Respectfully submitted, PHILIP GRAIF, C. W. MAGGART, F. P. DAVIDSON.

APPENDIX C.—Report of Apportionment Committee.

	No. of Members.	General Synod	Synodical Treasury ..	Home Missions... ..	Foreign Missions	Church Extension....	Board of Education ..	Beneficiary Education.	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconesses Board ..	Total Benevolence ...
		.01½	.10	.24½	.21½	.21½	.09⅕	.10	.05	.05	3/50	
Oakland	96	$1 44	$9 60	$23 52	$20 64	$20 64	$8 83	$9 60	$4 80	$4 80	$0 60	$104 47
Sacramento	110	1 65	11 00	26 95	23 65	23 65	10 12	11 00	5 50	5 50	68	119 70
San Diego.....	112	1 68	11 20	27 44	24 18	24 18	10 30	11 20	5 60	5 60	70	122 08
San José	100	1 50	10 00	24 50	21 50	21 50	9 20	10 00	5 00	5 00	62	108 82
Los Angeles	160	2 40	16 00	39 20	34 40	34 40	14 72	16 00	8 00	8 00	1 00	174 12
San Francisco.....	252	3 78	25 20	61 74	54 18	54 18	23 18	25 20	12 60	12 60	1 56	274 22
Sacramento, German....	170	2 55	17 00	41 65	36 55	36 55	15 64	17 00	8 50	8 50	1 05	184 99
Alameda	93	1 40	9 30	22 78	20 00	20 00	8 55	9 30	4 65	4 65	58	101 21
Riverside.....	50	75	5 00	12 25	10 75	10 75	4 60	5 00	2 50	2 50	31	54 41
Monrovia	35	52	3 50	8 58	7 53	7 53	3 22	3 50	1 75	1 75	22	38 10
	1178	$17 67	$117 80	$288 61	$253 38	$253 38	$108 36	$117 80	$58 90	$58 90	$7 32	$1282 12

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

OF THE

Ev. English Lutheran Church,

HELD AT

SAN DIEGO, CAL.,

APRIL 5th and 6th, 1894.

OFFICERS FOR 1894 AND 1895.

President.

Mrs. Charles W. Maggart.

First Vice-President.

Mrs. W. H. Hoskinson, Sacramento.

Second Vice-President.

Mrs. J. Everding, San Francisco.

Third Vice-President.

Mrs. Phœbe J. H. Mays, Los Angeles.

Recording Secretary.

Miss Minnie Gilcher, San Diego.

Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. M. H. Stine, Los Angeles.

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Miss L. L. A. Tressler, San José.

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Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers, San Francisco.

Literature Committee.

Mrs. John Everding, San Francisco.
Mrs. Wm. Moller, Oakland.
Miss Kate Cantrell, San Francisco.

THE

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

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W. H. & F. M. SYNODICAL SOCIETY

OF

CALIFORNIA,

MET IN THE

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO,

APRIL 5th, 1894.

FIRST SESSION.

The session was opened at 2 o'clock p. m., with Devotional Exercises by the President, Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers.

Hymn No. 358 was sung, followed by prayer by Mrs. M. H. Stine. Fervent prayers and Responsive Scripture Reading occupied the first half hour.

The Recording Secretary being absent, Miss M. Leisenring was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The Delegates' credentials were presented.

San Francisco—Mrs. John Everding.

Oakland—Mrs. Wm. Moller.

Los Angeles—Mrs. M. H. Stine.
Mrs. P. J. H. Mays.

San José—Miss L. L. A. Tressler.

Sacramento—Mrs. C. B. Hoskinson (English church).
Mrs. Gruenewald (German church).

San Diego—Miss Emma Young.
Miss Carrie Boyce.
Miss Matilda Leisenring.

Several of these delegates were unavoidably detained at home.

Miss Emma Young welcomed the Convention to San Diego in a most cordial and beautiful address. This was responded to by Mrs. John Everding, which was read by Mrs. M. H. Stine, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Everding being absent.

The President's address then followed.

President's Address.

Dear Sisters in Christ: The second year of our history as a Synodical Society is completed, and we have again assembled together to review the work of the past year and plan greater things for the future. It is with much gratitude to God that I am able to report His mercy in sparing the lives of our laborers on this coast during the past year; though many of them have been seriously ill, yet God has raised them up from beds of pain to work for Him still longer upon earth.

Our work has been greatly hindered by the financial distress of our country, extending even to our own fair State. It has been almost impossible to more than hold our Societies together during this stringency, and even this has only been done by anxious care and much prayerful labor on the part of our auxiliary officers. We could indeed wish that more money and societies could be reported, but we thank God for what we have, and hopefully look forward to the future.

Encouraging reports come to us from the foreign field. Doors are opening everywhere in heathen lands for our missionaries, especially for our noble women workers, in those hitherto inaccessible places in India, Syria and China. Japan has begun to call loudly "Come over the mighty Pacific and tell us of your Christ." In Africa there are more places open for us than we have laborers to fill them or money to pay the expense. The great eastern continent of Asia is ready and ripe for a glorious harvest. Oh, where are the workers to gather in these grand sheaves for the Master!

Here in California we have the greatest home missionary field in the world. Nations from every clime are constantly coming to our shore. Every species of infidelity runs riot here, and is taught publicly, from the refined professors who delight in Evolution and Theosophy, to the lower and more debasing Paine and Voltaire systems. "There is no God," seems to be the popular cry of this age. Now is the time for us, children of the grand Church of the Reformation, to arise, put on the armor of the Lord, and proclaim to all in our reach the central doctrine of our creed, "Justification by faith in Jesus Christ." To this end let me urge upon you the necessity of more *prayer* in our *Auxiliary meetings*. We are engaged in the work of the Lord. We are told that

He prayed often. Even His miracles were preceded by prayer. Cold mountains and the midnight air witnessed His communings with His Father, almost His last words consisted in prayer. If He, the sinless one, needed prayer, how much more do we need to beseech Him for strength and wisdom when engaged in planning work for His cause. While we are trying to collect money for the General Society let us not lose sight of our prime object, the salvation of souls, for this is what the missionary cause means. Come to your meetings with your hearts and minds freshly filled with inspiration gained in your secret conversations with Jesus. If the heart is overflowing with His love, lips and tongue will be eager to tell to others what you have learned from a close walk with God. "Let us come boldly to Him, that we may obtain grace to help in every time of need." Jesus encourages us in His own words, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do."

I must again ask the Societies to use the Gospel Manuals and Mission Studies. The Board are very desirous of having uniformity in our work, and have bountifully supplied us with literature. To open a meeting with only a short Psalm and a shorter prayer, read the minutes of a previous meeting, collect the dues, and then dismiss the members, is *not the way* to feed the minds and hearts of our people. They want instruction, and come together to learn what their President has to tell them of the home and foreign field. Comparatively few people among our congregations take our church papers and journals, thus all that they can know of the heathen and the need of missionaries is taught them at the monthly meetings. How important it is then for each President to carefully study her work and the subject as found in the Mission Studies and Journal, beside the tracts sent out monthly, and come prepared to interest and instruct the members. Take plenty of *time* for this meeting, and do not hurry through the exercises, or join them on to the *end* of *some other* meeting that may have preceded it. The Missionary Society should be held upon a different afternoon or evening from any other service. Have the latest intelligence from our sacrificing home missionaries in our Western and Southern States, and from the foreign field, read aloud, so that they can be informed of the necessities of our self-denying laborers, who are often enduring great privations among people as poor as themselves, in order to preach the gospel to them. Were this plan adopted, we should see by next year a large increase in membership and funds, and a deeper growth in grace among our people.

Dear sisters, do we fully realize our power to be valuable assistants to our pastors? Let us make our Societies living, active agents for good. How can our people know of our work and needs unless the auxiliary officers instruct them by means of our literature?

I hope that each Society will provide itself with tracts, and circulate them freely among the congregations to which they belong.

Mrs. Dr. Hamma has written to me requesting that the subject of "The Lutheran Women's International League," should be presented by me to this Convention. She desires particularly, that a list of names of our women

should be sent to her as members of this League. The paper containing the object of this League will be placed in the hands of the Committee appointed upon this address, who will explain to you to-morrow. As no money is called for at this time, I would like the members to respond to her request.

I recommend that the Constitution adopted by us last April, the new By-Laws to be adopted here, and the new rules of order adopted by the Biennial Convention, be published with our Minutes of this Convention, that our people may have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with our proceedings.

I have been instructed to lay before you the necessity of establishing a Synodical Fund, by means of which the expenses of the officers attending our Conventions and Biennial Conventions, as well as other necessary expenses, can be defrayed. In order to keep ourselves in touch with our General Society, we shall be obliged to send a delegate, as often as possible, to the Biennial Convention. I would advise, as a means of establishing this fund, that each Auxiliary Society make an especial effort during the year, by means of some entertainment, to raise money for this especial purpose, so that by the time of our next Convention we shall have the nucleus of our fund obtained.

The formation of Children's Bands among our congregations is a great adjunct to our work. We have a duty to our children that as yet has not been undertaken. Instruct them early in life, implant in their young hearts the seeds of consecration of their lives to Christ, and tell them of the work around them that *they* can do to lead their young companions to the One who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and when these youths grow up we shall reap the fruit of this careful instruction. "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined," is an old but true adage. The quick sensibilities of childhood receive impressions that mould the character of the man. An old writer has said, "Give me the first five years of a child, and I will form the character of the future man." How important then it is that we should educate the youth in the great work of the evangelization of the world.

Dear Sisters, let us feel that we are workers together with Christ. If we have the flame of sacred love burning on the altar of our own hearts, and imitate His zeal for the salvation of sinners around us, we shall, by the power of the Holy Ghost, succeed in our work during the coming year.

Thus shall the gems we gather here,
With others won on India's strand,
In Jesus' crown of stars appear,
When sink the ocean, sky and land.

MRS. SUSAN E. BITTLE MYERS.

The new Rules of Order adopted by the last Biennial Convention were read from the Chair.

Reports of Standing Committees and Officers and Delegates were listened to with pleasure.

The Literature Committee gave a full report of their year's work, which showed increased interest among the Societies. Valuable suggestions and plans for future work were given by the Committee.

The reports from the delegates present were interesting. Several reports from absent delegates were also read.

Greetings from Mrs. A. V. Hunter and Mrs. John Everding were read.

The following By-Laws, prepared by the Committee appointed at the Synodical Convention held in Sacramento last year, were read and adopted:

By-Laws.

1. The time of the meeting of this Society shall be on Thursday of the week during the meeting of Synod.

2. The officers shall be President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. These officers shall meet quarterly if possible.

3. Each of the Auxiliary Woman's and Young People's Societies within the bounds of this Synod contributing five cents per member, and Children's Bands contributing one dollar, annually, to the contingent fund of the Society, shall be entitled to two voting delegates at annual Conventions.

4. Each Auxiliary Society may send one delegate besides the President to the Synodical Convention.

5. The chairman of each delegation shall report verbally or in writing the general work and condition of their societies.

6. A Synodical delegate may be sent to each Biennial Convention of the General Synod.

7. The fiscal year shall close after the last meeting of each Society in March, and all funds be forwarded to the Treasurer before the 20th of that month.

8. At each annual Convention, the President shall appoint an Auditing Committee to examine the Treasurer's books, and report to the Society.

9. All members of Standing Committees shall be considered delegates to the annual Convention.

10. Each Auxiliary Society shall when possible subscribe twenty-five cents annually for tracts, to be furnished by the Literature Committee.

11. When possible, half of the expenses of the delegate to the Biennial Convention shall be paid from the Synodical Fund.

12. Each Auxiliary Society may pay the sum of five dollars annually to the Synodical Fund.

13. A praise meeting shall be held by each Auxiliary Society before the annual Convention.

14. The expenses of the President shall be paid from the Synodical Fund.

All incidental expenses incurred by the officers in their work shall be paid from the same fund.

15. These By-Laws may be altered by a two-thirds vote of the Synodical Convention at any regular meeting.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, of Philadelphia, then addressed the Convention in a few words of help and encouragement.

Special Committees were appointed as follows:

List of Committees.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Phœbe Mays, Miss M. Leisenring.

Letters and Greetings—Mrs. M. H. Stine, Miss Carrie Boyce, Miss Kate Summers.

Resolutions—Miss Emma Young, Mrs. Stine.

President's Address—Mrs. C. W. Maggart.

Literature Report—Miss Leisenring, Mrs. P. Mays.

The Convention adjourned to meet on Friday at 2 o'clock p. m.

Thursday evening, Union Services were held with members of Synod. An address upon California as a home missionary field was read by Mrs. S. E. B. Myers, followed by addresses from several ministers. A collection for the Synodical Fund for the Convention was taken up.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK, APRIL 6TH.

The Convention opened with devotional exercises.

Hymn, "Rock of Ages."

Prayer was offered by Mrs. C. W. Maggart, for Missions and Missionaries.

Prayer by Miss Emma Young, for Personal Consecration.

Hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The roll of delegates was called.

The delegate from Sacramento, from the German Church Missionary Society, presented her credentials, and a report of the

state of their Society, which showed an active interest in the work.

An interesting paper upon "Woman's Work," by Mrs. M. H. Stine, was read, followed by one upon "Literature," by Mrs. C. W. Maggart.

A discussion as to the "Uses of Literature" in the Societies, was participated in by the members of the Convention.

A recess was taken and the Synod invited to visit the Convention.

A recitation, "A Living Sacrifice," by Miss Genevieve Averill, was enjoyed by all present.

Greetings and remarks by the ministers present closed the recess.

A paper upon "Foreign Missions," by Mrs. P. Graif, of Oakland, was read by Miss Emma Young.

Reports of Special Committees followed.

The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's Report correct.

The report of the Committe on Letters and Papers was received, and placed on file.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

The Committee upon the President's Address reported, calling special attention to the following points:

1. The need of a better distribution of our literature.

2. The advisability of soon sending to Mrs. Dr. Hamma a list of the members of the Auxiliaries who are willing to be enrolled as members of the International Lutheran Woman's League.

3. The necessity of a Synodical Fund.

4. The need of interesting the children of our congregations in the missionary work.

The Committee upon the Report of the Literature Committee emphasized the following recommendations:

1. That each Society devise some systematic plan whereby the Literature Committee may be able to place the tracts of the General Committee in the hands of every member of the congregations.

2. That there be a thorough canvass of Societies and churches for subscriptions to the *Missionary Journal.*

3. That each Society take more than one copy of the *Mission Studies*, and that they circulate them among the members.

4. That each Society subscribe for the new tracts issued by our General

Literature Committee each month, which will cost but twenty-five cents a year.

5. That each Society endeavor to place "The Children's Missionary" in the hands of the children of our church.

6. That each Society be requested to commence a Missionary Library. Tracts, Mission Studies and Journals as a beginning.

An article published by Mrs. Dr. Hamma, stating the object of "The International Lutheran Woman's League," was read and explained, endorsed by remarks from members of the Convention approving of its object.

Upon motion that a Historian of the Society be added to the roll of officers to prepare a history of Lutheranism upon this coast, in connection with this Society, it was seconded and carried.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, 1. That we show our gratitude to God for sparing our lives and permitting us to assist in spreading His kingdom during the past year by more active service in the coming year.

Resolved, 2. That we express our thanks to the officers of the Synodical Society for their efficient work.

Resolved, 3. That the reports of progress and interest in the work have given us great joy and thankfulness.

Resolved, 4. That we hereby express our regrets at the absence of so many delegates, and that we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Hoskinson and Mrs. Everding on account of the serious illness of their loved ones, and that a letter of condolence be sent to each.

Resolved, 5. That we have been greatly pleased to have with us Mrs. Hutter, who has been for so many years engaged in active Christian work, to give us words of cheer and comfort.

Resolved, 6. That we express our high appreciation of the very efficient work of our General Literature Committee, and especially of the help given us by them in our Synodical literature work; and that we urge upon the auxiliaries greater effort in the dissemination of missionary literature.

Resolved, 7. That we extend our thanks to all who have entertained us, and in any way helped to make this Convention a success.

MISS E. C. YOUNG,
MRS. M. H. STINE,
MRS. C. W. MAGGART.

Adopted.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy to Mrs. W. H. Hoskinson and Mrs. J. Everding, upon the afflicting circumstances which prevented their attendance with the Convention.

Election of Officers

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Charles W. Maggart, 1425 Fifth St., San Diego.

First Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Hoskinson, 1309 O St., Sacramento.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. John Everding, 2116 Mason St., San Francisco.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. P. J. H. Mays, Los Angeles.

Recording Secretary—Miss Minnie Gilcher, San Diego.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. H. Stine, Los Angeles.

Treasurer—Miss L. L. A. Tressler, San José.

Historian—Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers, San Francisco.

Mrs. M. H. Stine was elected principal delegate to the next Biennial Convention, Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers being her alternate.

The President then took the chair. The retiring President, Mrs. Myers, addressed the Convention in a short, tender and earnest manner. Mrs. E. W. Hutter followed with a touching address upon Woman's Influence and congratulations upon our work on this Coast, closing with prayer.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring President, Chairman of the Literature Committee, Mrs. Maggart and Miss Leisenring, Secretary *pro tem.*, for their services and efficient, earnest work.

An order for one dollar to pay for the expense of printing the programmes and one for the expenses of the President amounting to fifteen dollars, were drawn upon the Treasurer.

The President appointed the Literature Committee for the coming year as follows: Mrs. John Everding, San Francisco; Mrs. Wm. Moller, Oakland; Miss Kate Cantrell, San Francisco.

An invitation to meet in Los Angeles next year, subject to the decision of Synod, was received and accepted.

The President gave a few words of advice urging the Societies to a greater advancement in our work during the year.

Upon request, Mrs. Myers closed in prayer.

The President adjourned the Convention.

MISS MATILDA LEISENRING,
Secretary pro tem.

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OF THE

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THE GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

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2	April 27th to May 1st, 1892	San Francisco.
3	April 12th to 16th, 1893	Sacramento.
4	April 4th to 8th, 1894	San Diego.
5	April 24th to 25th, 1895	Los Angeles.

THE SIXTH CONVENTION.

Place—San José, California.

Time—April 15th, 1895.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1895-96.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT.

Rev. C. W. MAGGART,
San Diego, California.

SECRETARY.

Rev. CHARLES F. OEHLER,
Sacramento, California.

TREASURER.

Mr. JOHN EVERDING,
2116 Mason Street, San Francisco, California.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1895-96.

Home Missions.

Rev. C. W. Maggart, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D.,
Mr. C. W. Marwedel.

Church Extension.

Rev. C. W. Maggart. Rev. J. S. Simon,
Rev. M. H. Stine.

Beneficiary Education.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson,
Rev. J. S. Moser.

Examination of Candidates for the Ministry.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Rev. J. E. Bushnell,
Rev. M. H. Stine.

State of Churches and Religion.

Rev. J. S. Simon, Rev. H. Ghercke,
Rev. J. E. Bushnell.

Parochial Report.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, Rev. J. S. Simon,
Mr. William Moller.

Minutes of Synod.

Rev. M. H. Stine, Rev. J. S. Moser,
Rev. Chas. F. Oehler.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

CONVENED IN

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 24, 1895.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., APRIL 24TH, 1895, 8 P. M.

The Synod met in opening session in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Los Angeles, Rev. M. H. Stine, pastor. The opening sermon was preached by the Secretary, Rev. J. S. Simon, from John xx. 21, theme: "The Work of the Church, as apprehended by Our Divine Lord."

FIRST SESSION.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., APRIL 25TH, 9 A. M.

The Synod met for a half hour's devotional service led by the President, Rev. M. H. Stine, after which the roll was called and lay delegates received.

Synodical Roll.

Clerical Roll.	Residence.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., *a. e.*	San Diego, Cal	No Charge.
Rev. William Uhl	Monrovia, Cal.	No Charge.
Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	No Charge.
Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Sacramento, Cal.	W. A. DeMerritt, *a. e.*
Rev. Philip Graif, *a. e.*	Oakland, Cal.	No Charge.
Rev. C. W. Maggart	San Diego, Cal.	F. P. Davidson, *a. e.*
Rev. J. S. Moser	Riverside, Cal.	C. W. Castleman.
Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	San Jose, Cal.	C. G. Hubbard.
Rev. C. F. Oehler	Sacramento, Cal.	Fred. Meckfessel.
Rev. M. H. Stine	Los Angeles, Cal	Wm. Bosbyshell.
Rev. H. Ghercke	San Francisco, Cal.	
Rev. J. S. Simon	San Francisco, Cal.	C. W. Marwedel.
Rev. J. E. Bushnell	Oakland, Cal	Wm. Moller, *a. e.*
Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., *a. e.*	San Diego, Cal.	No Charge.
Rev. J. Schmierer, *a. e.*	Monrovia, Cal.	
Rev. A. Jatho, *a. e.*	Oakland, Cal.	
Rev. L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*		

a. e., Absent and excused.

New Members.

On motion, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, of the Maryland Synod, was received as a member of the California Synod. By motion, the name of Rev. A. Jatho, of Oakland, was received subject to confirmation of letter of dismissal from Nebraska Synod. The same action was taken with regard to Rev. L. C. Routzahn, a member of the Kansas Synod.

President's Report.

The President read his report, which was handed over to the proper committee.

"Grace to you, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Brethren: It affords me pleasure, as pastor of this congregation and President of the California Synod, to greet you in the church in which this Synod was organized a little more than four years ago. The history of these four years is recorded in the volumes of our published minutes. To it the historian will make suitable reference. He will, no doubt, also refer to that history not written by human hands—the history of the prayers, the heart throbs and the tears of those to whom the welfare of our Zion is precious.

The official acts of your President during the year were as follows:

AD INTERIM LICENSE.

Early in May Mr. Max Deoderer informed me that he had accepted a call from a Lutheran church in Nebraska. This fact, according to the recommendation of Synod, entitled him to a license for one year, which, at his earnest request, was accordingly sent. Said license expires with this meeting of Synod.

DISMISSAL.

On June 8th, I dismissed the Rev. Henry E. G. Ongerth to "the Evangelical Synod of North America."

ACCESSIONS.

The Rev. John E. Bushnell, having taken charge of our mission at Oakland, was received into the bonds of our Synod on December 21st by transfer from the Synod of Maryland.

On April 21st, Rev. A. Jatho notified me that he had instructed Rev. McCool, the President of the Nebraska Synod, to forward his letter dismissing him to this body. The letter has not as yet been received. I recommend that his name be placed on the roll, subject to the receipt of the letter of dismissal.

COMMUNICATIONS.

On November 30th the Rev. G. W. F. Kiesel wrote me that, because he was "unable to recognize the doctrinal position and practices of the General Synod as Lutheran," he desired to sever his connection with the California Synod. He wished his name to be dropped from its roll. I had previously learned of the difficulties existing between Rev. Kiesel and the mission he was serving, and his disloyalty to the Board of Home Missions, hence I did not grant his request. I have summoned him to appear at the meeting of this body, to adjust, if possible, the difficulties.

On January 18th the Rev. H. Ghercke notified me that he had severed his relations as assisting pastor to Rev. Fuendling, and that he desired the co-operation of Synod in organizing a new congregation, and in obtaining aid from the Board of Home Missions. I have given the matter into the hands of the Committee on Home Missions.

Before laying down the office with which you have honored me, allow me to say that I have been impressed with the fact that the work of the General Synod is scarcely begun in this great State, where so many from all nations are gathering. In our English churches we may not be able to gather many newly-arrived foreigners; but we can save their children for the church, the country, and for heaven. In order to do this the cities and towns should be canvassed and congregations organized where it is at all practicable. It is only by so doing that the congregations already organized can be efficient in their great work. On the Pacific coast, as nowhere else, the population is constantly changing from the city to the country, and from the country to the city.

Praying the great Head of the Church for His continued blessings upon

the California Synod, and earnestly hoping that the day may not be far distant when new missions shall be added to the galaxy of General Synod churches now combating the kingdom of darkness, I respectfully submit my report as the fourth President of the youngest of the General Synod bodies.

MILTON H. STINE.

Election of Officers.

The Synod entered into the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The President appointed Rev. H. Ghercke and Wm. Bosbyshell as tellers.

The result was as follows:

President—Rev. C. W. Maggart.

Secretary—Rev. Chas. F. Oehler.

Treasurer—Mr. J. Everding.

Advisory Member.

It was resolved to receive Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, as an advisory member of the Synod of California.

The Synod adjourned for a half hour, during which time the President appointed the following committees:

List of Committees.

No. 1. *On President's Report*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson and J. S. Moser.

No. 2. *Letters and Papers*—Revs. J. S. Simon and V. G. A. Tressler.

No. 3. *On Apportionment*—Rev. J. S. Moser and Mr. C. W. Marwedel.

No. 4. *On Leave of Absence and Absentees*—Revs. M. H. Stine and J. Schmierer.

No. 5. *Auditing*—Messrs. William Bosbyshell and C. W. Castleman.

No. 6. *Resolutions*—Revs. J. E. Bushnell and William Uhl.

No. 7. *Surplus and Deficit*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson and H. Ghercke.

No. 8. *Devotional Services*—Revs. M. H. Stine and Chas. F. Oehler.

No. 9. *Parochial Reports*—Revs. V. G. A. Tressler, C. W. Maggart, and Mr. C. W. Marwedel.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of the Last Synod reported as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Synod have examined the same and submit the following report:

1. On page 11 it is recommended that brother L. R. Garrett be urged to resume his theological studies this fall (1894), in default of which he be asked to refund the money already given him, as shown by Treasurer's books. Which, if either, has been done?

2. Page 12. It is recommended that the pastors of the Synod use every legitimate effort to encourage young men to direct their attention to the gospel ministry, and to preach one sermon each year on the ministerial office. Has this been attended to?

3. Page 13. The standing committee on Home Missions recommend a petition from Riverside to be granted, but do not incorporate the petition in their report, and it is therefore unintelligible. Is not suitable action in this matter needful?

4. Page 19. The Secretary of Synod was instructed to call the attention of the Statistical Secretary of General Synod to column in parochial reports, "Excommunications and Other Losses," and request, if practicable, it should be changed and made more clear. What was the result of this effort?

5. On page 20 is a resolution that we recommend to the members of our churches that they purchase and read "Lutherans in all Lands," by Rev. J. N. Lenker, and "Lutheran Manual," by Dr. J. B. Remensnyder. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. MOSER,
V. G. A. TRESSLER,
CHAS. F. OEHLER.

Resolved to receive this report and vote on it seriatim.

Ad. 1. Referred to Beneficiary Committee.

Ad. 2. Answered by pastors in part.

Ad. 3. Explained to be the mistake of printing house.

Ad. 4. Referred to General Synod for action.

Ad. 5. Yes, in part.

The entire report was then adopted.

Resolved, That the Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions be received to-morrow morning early.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH, 1895, 2 P. M.

Rev. M. H. Stine offered the prayer.

The reading of the minutes was postponed until Friday morning.

Resolved, To postpone the devotional service until after session of Synod, from 4 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education report an active interest on the part of all the churches in the matter of educating ministers *on* the field *for* the field. The pastors seem to have without exception preached as advised at the last meeting of the Synod, upon the character and high dignity of the ministerial office, and as a practical result the congregations have almost entirely fulfilled their apportioned obligations for beneficiary purposes. While we regret to state that we have at present no student from the bounds of the Synod pursuing a special theological course, we yet have reason to believe that a number of the younger members of several of our congregations have this object in view. Owing to the discontinuance of brother Garrett as a student, the Synod has a surplus of $52.37 in the treasury. We recommend that

1. The surplus now in the hands of our Treasurer be forwarded to President Clutz, for the use of some worthy beneficiary to be selected by himself.

2. That the matter of brother L. R. Garrett's indebtedness be left in the care of his pastor, to be adjusted kindly, but correctly, at such an early date as may be possible.

3. That the Synod repeat its action of last year, requesting of each pastor during the Synodical year a sermon, whose special object shall be to urge the young men to devote themselves to the Gospel ministry, and that the prayers of the parents, and especially the efforts of our pastors, be requested on behalf of hopeful and bright young men of their respective congregations, that the Holy Spirit may direct them in the way which is best.

Respectfully submitted,

V. G. A. TRESSLER,
C. W. MAGGART,
J. S. MOSER.

Resolved to receive this report and vote on it *seriatim*.

Ad. 1. Adopted.

Ad. 2. Withdrawn.

Ad. 3. Adopted.

Resolved to adopt the entire report.

Visiting Pastors.

Rev. William Barr of the United Presbyterian church, Rev. C. C. McLean, D. D., of M. E. church, and Rev. H. C. Crabb, of United Presbyterian church, were present as visitors, and were introduced to the members of Synod.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's report find but two items for consideration, and these having been brought before you by your Committee on communications we have nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. S. MOSER.

This report was adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee on accounts have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct as per his report, leaving a real balance to date of $174.56, which is to be applied to unfinished apportionments. (See Appendix A.)

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM BOSBYSHELL,
C. W. CASTLEMAN.

This report was adopted.

The roll was called and the pastors read their parochial reports.

Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers respectfully submit the following report:

1. We have received an application from the St. Matthew's German Evangelical Lutheran church of San Francisco, Rev. H. Ghercke, pastor, asking for admission into California Synod; and having examined their constitution we find it in agreement with the constitution of the General Synod, and we, therefore, recommend its reception.

2. We have also received from the same source an application for assistance. We recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

3. We have also received letters of greeting of Rev. O. C. Miller, of Roanoke, Virginia, and Rev. H. H. Weber, General Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and would suggest that they be read.

4. We are in receipt of a communication from Rev. G. W. F. Kiesel, which we suggest be referred to the Ministerium for consideration.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. SIMON,
V. G. A. TRESSLER.

Ad. 1. Adopted.

Ad. 2. Adopted.

Ad. 3. The letters of greeting of Rev. O. C. Miller and Rev. H. H. Weber were read to the Synod.

Ad. 4. Adopted.

EVENING SESSION.

April 25th, 8 p. m.

At 8 p. m. the members of the Synod met together with the congregation. Rev. Chas. F. Oehler, of Sacramento, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture, illustrated with stereopticon views from the Foreign Mission fields of our General Synod in Africa and India.

THIRD SESSION.

Los Angeles, April 26th, 9 a. m.

Prayers were offered by Rev. C. F. Oehler, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Rev. H. Ghercke, and Bro. C. W. Marwedel.

The minutes were read and approved.

Report of the Committee of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your committee take pleasure in offering the fifth annual report on a subject of such vital importance to the California Synod. The work of our Synod has been strictly of a missionary character from its incipiency. Since 1891, at which time the first meeting of this Synod was held in this church, our communicant membership has risen from 600 to 1,012; the number in our Sunday-school from 652 to 946; the value of church property from $98,000.00 to $175,500.00; our benevolent contributions from $670.53 to $1,479.74. This shows commendable progress in the State of our Union where every prospect pleases and man alone is vile, and where the children of our household of faith are sought after as nowhere else, and where the General Synod was so slow in taking up the work. We recommend:

1. That the latest addition to the Synod, the newly organized St. Matthew's church of San Francisco, be heartily commended to the support of the Board of Home Missions. We suggest an appropriation of $360.00.

2. Feeling that the prospects of the congregation at Monrovia are promising, we recommend that said congregation maintain its organization and call a suitable pastor.

3. That we urge the occupying of promising fields as a means of strengthening those already occupied.

4. That we greatly appreciate the kindness and wisdom of the Board of Home Missions in sending Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., our Western Secretary, to the meeting of our Synod to assist us by his presence and counsels.

5. That we again acknowledge with gratitude the intense interest of the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society in our California work.

Respectfully submitted, M. H. STINE,
J. S. SIMON.

This report was adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., of the Board of Home Missions, addressed the members of Synod, spoke words of cheer, and answered questions of information.

Rev. J. S. Moser read his parochial report.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of our Synod are due and hereby extended to Rev. Father Uhl, for his notable and unabated efforts in behalf of our church work in Monrovia, and that we pledge him our Synod's deepest interest in the future of this Mission, which we believe to be assured, and also extend to him our personal greetings on his sturdy old age, which still permits him to so faithfully and ably do the work of the Master on the field of the Church to which he has given his life.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Chas. F. Oehler.

FOURTH SESSION.

Los Angeles, April 26th, 1895, 2:00 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Bushnell.

The minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called and the pastors made statements as to their apportionments.

Resolved, That the Apportionment Committee be authorized to assess the members of the Synod 10 cents a year for Beneficiary Education.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., then led the devotional services, at which the members of the Synod and of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society were present. A profitable devotional service was held.

Business was then resumed.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions handed in the following resolutions:

I. DISCUSSIONS IN OUR RELIGIOUS PAPERS.

WHEREAS, Our congregations on the Pacific Coast and in other parts of the West are composed of Lutherans of all divisions in our great household of faith, uniting on the doctrinal basis of the General Synod, *i. e.*, the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Catechism; and

Whereas, The polemic discussion in our church papers has a tendency to divide and distract rather than to unite and cement; and

Whereas, The doctrinal basis of the General Synod is fixed to the entire satisfaction of the great mass of the ministers and laity; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we deeply regret and deprecate these unnecessary discussions and the setting up of men of straw, and the unproved accusation, or rather insinuation, against brethren of our common faith in these papers, to the injury of the work of the Church everywhere, and especially in our western missions.

Resolved, 2. That we ask these discussions to be stopped.

Resolved, 3. That we suggest the propriety of Lutheran Church Paper columns for Lutheran writers, that they may set forth Lutheran faith and life and work for Lutheran readers.

Resolved, 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to all the General Synod papers.

This entire resolution was adopted.

II. PARSONAGE FUND.

Resolved, That we observe with great satisfaction the movement made by the General Synod at Canton, minutes page 171, in behalf of the establishment of a permanent parsonage fund, since there are many generous friends who may contribute to such a parsonage fund, in view of their appreciation of this praiseworthy enterprise, and in view of the fact that many of our missions absolutely need this particular kind of help, and the building of parsonages will be of permanent advantage to our churches. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the necessary provisions for a parsonage fund under the control of our General Synod, as it may direct.

This resolution was adopted.

III. RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the worthy pastor and congregation of the First English Lutheran church of this beautiful city of Los Angeles, for the generous hospitality shown the members of this Synod, and to the Aid Society and to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society for their delightful entertainments and the tasteful decorations of the church, and that we also appreciate the important service rendered by its excellent choir.

Resolved, That we also return thanks to the Los Angeles "*Times*," the "*Herald*" and the "*Express*," for their considerate and helpful reports, and that we appreciate the special rates furnished by the Railroad Companies.

These resolutions were adopted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

The Committee on Apportionment submitted their report, which was adopted. (Appendix B.)

Report of Committee on Surplus and Deficit.

The Committee on Surplus and Deficit submitted their report, which was adopted. (Appendix C.)

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports.

The Committee on Parochial Reports reported as follows:

The Committee on Parochial Reports of the various churches of Synod submit their report.

V. G. A. TRESSLER,
C. W. MAGGART,
C. W. MARWEDEL.

This report was adopted. (Appendix D.)

The Synod adjourned for a ministerial meeting, with prayer by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.

EVENING SESSION.

LOS ANGELES, APRIL 26TH, 1895, 8 P. M.

Rev. J. S. Moser, of Riverside, and Rev. J. E. Bushnell, of Oakland, addressed the Synodical members on the subject of Home Missions and Church Extension, respectively.

FIFTH SESSION.

LOS ANGELES, APRIL 27TH, 1895, 9 A. M.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Simon.

The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

The Committee on Excuses handed in their report, which was accepted.

Your Committee on Absentees and Excuses recommend that Revs. S. Sprecher, D. D., L.L. D., M. W. Hamma, D. D., A. C. Wedekind, D. D., Philip Graif, and Pros. Prof. Davidson, C. G. Hubbard, Fred. Meckfessel, be excused.

For the Committee, M. H. STINE.

Report of Devotional Committee.

The Devotional Committee handed in their report, which was also adopted.

Sunday, 9:45 a. m.—Sunday-school. Addresses by members of the Synod.

11 a. m., sermon by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, followed by Holy Communion; 7:30 p. m., address by Rev. C. W. Maggart on the work of Y. P. S. C. E.

Simpson Church, M. E., 11 a. m., Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.; 7:30 p. m., Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.

First U. P. Church, 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. S. Moser.

Respectfully submitted, M. H. STINE,
CHAS. F. OEHLER.

Further Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That all benevolent contributions of our churches be passed into the hands of our Treasurer before the last week before the meeting of this Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of our Synod advance all late moneys to the Treasurers of the various Boards, asking them to enter these amounts into this year's report before the meeting of the General Synod.

Synodical Directors.

The election of Synodical Directors was then declared to be in order.

The result was:

President—Rev. C. W. Maggart.

Secretary—Rev. Chas. F. Oehler.

Treasurer—Mr. J. Everding, *Ex-officio*.

Mr. William Moller, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.

Place of Next Meeting.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler invited the Synod to meet at San José at its sixth annual meeting. This invitation was unanimously accepted.

By motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 600 copies of these Minutes printed by our Lutheran Publication Society.

Resolved, To have the Minutes of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California printed and bound with our Minutes.

Resolved, To have the latest statistics of the Lutheran Church of the World printed on one page of our Synodical Minutes.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Synod should be allowed to vote at all present meetings of this Synod.

Delegates to the General Synod.

This election of delegates resulted as follows: Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, M. W. Hamma, D. D., Delegates; Revs. V. G. A. Tressler, J. S. Moser, Alternates. G. G. Burnett, Dr. P. S. Leisenring, Lay Delegates; Wm. Bosbyshell, J. Everding, Alternates.

Committee on the State of Religion handed in their report, which was adopted.

State of the Church.

We have carefully looked over the reports from our various churches and tried to read the lessons which they have for us. Plainly written here we see difficulties that are peculiar to our work on the coast, trials that make one's heart sad, blasted hopes, confidence lost, trusts misplaced; the old story of the "one talent" repeated over and over in real life.

Again we see here heroic endurance, increased faith, brightening outlook, steady but sure growth; a breaking of the better day coming. Matters that cheer outweigh the things that cast down; many voices call, "Onward, Christian Soldier," to one "Lay the Armor Down."

Our people are growing in piety and spirituality and loyalty to their Church and their God. Nowhere could you find nobler bands of women who have laid the cause on their hearts, and are determined with God's help to reach success in every one of our churches. They are ready at once to carry out the wishes of their pastors, and often work and pray and give far beyond their strength. God bless the noble women! How could the missionary on this coast carry on the work without them? They are in hearty sympathy and co-operation.

Sunday-schools and young people's societies aree ncouraging, and all our pastors are gathering sheaves for the Master from them.

Times have been hard, but much money has been gathered and churches freed from debt. The benevolences of the Church have been well supported, and all are growing more willing to help others, even while their own existence means a hard struggle.

Our pastors seem faithful to their trusts in preaching the pure gospel, in being true shepherds of the people, to cheer, to comfort and to up-build in the most holy faith. They are not spending their strength in ways and means for gaining popularity, and winning the people in ways that are surely questionable, if not absolutely wrong.

Signs are very apparent that the good God is with our pastors and with our people, leading them by the waters of quietness and into pastures of tender grass, assuring that He will never leave nor forsake them.

Then bowing humbly to Him, looking ever for His help, let us keep looking up with a steadfast hope till our faith be completely lost in Him.

We would repeat some recommendations of the committee of last year:

1. That the widest possible circulation be given to our church and missionary papers and tracts.

2. That the youth of our Church be grounded in God's word as set forth by Luther's Smaller Catechism.

3. That our people continue to grow in faithfulness to their church services and every means of grace.

May we ever be found pressing forward towards the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus; ever looking unto Christ as the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
V. G. A. TRESSLER,
C. W. MAGGART.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to purchase a book in which the minutes of the California Synod, beginning with its first meeting, be entered by a penman, and that expenses be paid by the Treasurer of the Synod.

Amendment to the Constitution.

Rev. J. S. Simon announced that at the next year's Synod he would submit the following amendment to Article X, Sec. 3 of the Constitution:

The Treasurer shall have the right to vote on all questions, whether he be a regularly elected delegate from any congregation or not.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Vice-President of the Board of Education, was called upon to report for that Board. He plead for the support of our educational institutions, asking the prayers of the members of Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have heard of the excellent work being done by Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Burnett, regularly commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to aid needy churches, which they do without a cent of remuneration, and pay their own expenses; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude and appreciation for the labor of love of these Christian workers.

2. That we congratulate the church on these workers as some of the first fruits of the General Synod's work in California.

Resolved, That the California Synod hereby approves the call for the National Luther League's Convention, in the hope that the closer practical co-operation of our young people of every Lutheran Synod may be thus promoted, for the common blessing of all concerned.

The historian, Rev. C. W. Maggart, handed in his report, which was adopted.

Historian's Report.

Mission work was begun by our English Lutheran Church on the Pacific coast February 1, 1886, when Rev. O. C. Miller, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was commissioned by the Woman's Board to take charge of the work in San Francisco. He reached his field February 25th, having stopped at Los Angeles to canvass that city in the interest of the mission soon established there. The first service was held in Irving Hall on March 14th, with fifty people present. March 21st a Sunday-school was organized with thirteen scholars. The church was organized Whit-Sunday, June 18, 1886, with thirty-nine charter members. The lot was purchased in May, 1887, consideration, $8,300.00—$5000.00 was received as a loan from the Board of Church Extension and $5,000.00 as a donation from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Plans for a $40,000.00 church were drawn and a canvass for funds begun. The corner-stone was laid with imposing ceremonies August 26, 1888. The Sunday-school rooms were first occupied for service December 23, 1888. On the first of February, 1889, at the end of the third year, this church became self-sustaining. The complete structure was dedicated May 25, 1890, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Rev. O. C. Miller resigned as pastor July 1, 1892, leaving a property valued at $55,000.00, with an indebtedness of $8,500.00, a church membership of 240, and a Sunday-school membership of 215. During the vacancy of about fourteen months which followed, many members were lost to the church. The pulpit was regularly supplied for six months by Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., and for seven months by Rev. J. S. Moser. Rev. J. S. Simon was called to the pastorate of the church and began his ministry October 1, 1893, and was installed October 1, 1893, by the President of Synod, Rev. Philip Graif, of Oakland. The church has made commendable progress, and to-day has a membership of 218 with a membership in the Sunday-school of 190. The indebtedness of the church is $8,500.00.

LOS ANGELES.

The Rev. C. W. Heisler was commissioned missionary to Los Angeles in October, 1886. He held the first service on the 31st of that month, with 33 people present. The organization was effected January 2d, 1887, with 23 charter members. May 4th, 1887, a lot was bought on Flower street for $5,000.00, and was sold in December for $7,500.00, and the present location purchased in January, 1888, for $7,000.00. The corner-stone was laid on April 8th, 1888, and on Whitsunday the first service was held in the chapel. The completed church was dedicated April 13th, 1890, the sermon being preached by the Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, assisting. To assist them in this work the church received as a loan from the Board of Church Extension $3,500.00. and a donation from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of $2,000.00. During a sickness of Mr. Heisler the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., for six months. Mr. Heisler resigned March 20th, 1892, leaving a church property valued at $24,000.00, with an indebtedness of $7,900.00; a membership of 126, and 111 in the Sunday-school. A vacancy of several months occurred, when the Rev. Milton H. Stine became pastor August 1st, 1892. He began work with 98 members. His ministry has been greatly honored of God. The church has been re-painted, a new furnace put in, and other improvements made. On January 1st, 1895, the church declared itself self-sustaining. The indebtedness of the church has been decreased to $6,300.00. The enrollment of the church has been increased until it now numbers 176 members, with 245 in the Sunday-school.

SAN DIEGO.

The First Lutheran Church of San Diego was organized March 18th, 1888, with 31 charter members, by Rev. C. W. Heisler, of Los Angeles. Occasional preaching services were held, and a Sunday-school maintained. Rev. E. E. Wagner, Ph. D., was called as pastor, and arrived in October, 1888, and preached his first sermon on the 21st of October, 1888. During the pastorate of Mr. Wagner the lot on Second street, between A and Ash, was purchased for $3,500.00, the Board of Church Extension loaning $2,000.00 on the same. Mr. Wagner resigned October, 1891, after a pastorate of three years. The church remained vacant for about six months when the Rev. C. W. Maggart, of Salina, Kan., was called and took charge April 1, 1892. He found a Sunday-school of fifty, a church membership of sixty-five, with an indebtedness of $2,250.00, and church property valued at $3,650.00. He realized the great need of a church building, and secured the permission from the Boards of Church Extension and Home Missions to appeal to the Christian Endeavor and other Young People's Societies to start a fund to build the first Young People's Memorial church in San Diego. With much prayer and faith the appeal was sent forth, and about $2,900.00 came to their hands from the same. June 5, 1893, ground was broken for the new church, and July 30th the cor-

ner-stone was laid, the pastor being assisted by the Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D. December 8, 1893, the first service was held in the Sunday-school rooms, and February 25, 1894, was observed as Opening Day, Rev. M. H. Stine, of Los Angeles, assisting the pastor. The dedication occurred during the meeting of Synod, April 8, 1894, the sermon being preached by the Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. The actual membership of the church to-day is 115; the enrollment of the Sunday-school is 158; the value of the church property is $15,000.00, with an indebtedness of $4,000.00.

SACRAMENTO.

The First English Lutheran church of Sacramento was organized by the Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., missionary appointed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The work had an inauspicious beginning, the missionary having no knowledge of a Lutheran in the city. He visited for several weeks and preached on Sunday afternoons to the little handful of people he could get to come to the old dusty "Pioneer Hall." On March 21, 1890, the organization was effected with thirty-three charter members. The Woman's Board gave them a donation of $4,000.00 and a loan of $1,000.00, and the Board of Church Extension a loan of $2,000.00. A lot was bought and a building begun. On February 22, 1892, the faithful people entered the Sunday-school room which is now paid for, except the loans as above stated. The Sunday-school started with eight scholars—the pastor's wife and one other acting as teachers. This has grown until now it numbers 180 members. The membership of the church to-day is 115. The value of church property is $14,000.00, and the indebtedness is $3,000.00.

OAKLAND.

The First English Lutheran Church of Oakland, California, was organized by the Rev. Philip Graif, as pastor, on the 7th of December, 1890, with twenty-five charter members. An excellent lot was purchased March 4, 1892, for $9,000.00. The church secured a loan from the Board of Church Extension of $4,000.00, a loan from the Woman's Board of $2,000.00, and a donation from the latter of $3,000.00. The offering from the Woman's Societies is still held, to be applied to the church building. Mr. Graif resigned in 1894; he reported a membership of 96 and a Sunday-school of 112. The value of the lot has increased to $13,000.00, with an indebtedness of $9,000.00. During a vacancy of six months the congregation scattered, and when the Rev. J. E. Bushnell took charge as pastor, December 1, 1894, he found twenty-five members attending, and a Sunday-school enrollment of thirty. The finances of the congregation have not as yet been changed.

SAN JOSE.

Not a Lutheran was found upon this field when, in the summer of 1891, the missionary, Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, began his work. But the project was pushed forward with fidelity until, on January 3, 1892, Grace church was

organized with twenty-five charter members. Their worship has been held in the Grand Army hall. The Sunday-school was organized with thirteen members, the pastor becoming the superintendent. Prayer-meetings were held in cottages. The Christian Endeavor Society was organized in June, 1892; the Ladies' Aid Society with ten members in January, 1892, and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in February, 1893, with fourteen members. Thus early the machinery was set in motion which has been a powerful help in the work of the mission. An eligible lot was purchased on 2d & Julian streets, April 10, 1895, for $3,000.00. The Woman's Board have appropriated $4,000.00 as a donation, and soon there will be another handsome new church in the California Synod. The present outlook is excellent. The communicant membership is 110. The Sunday-school numbers 125. The value of the church property is $4,500.00.

RIVERSIDE.

Trinity Lutheran church, Riverside. The Board of Home Missions sent Rev. A. C. Stup, of the Seminary at Gettysburg, to investigate Lutheran Interests at Riverside, Cal., in July, 1893. He looked over the field, held five or six services, and reported as many as a dozen prospective members. On November 1st, Rev. J. S. Moser was commissioned by the Woman's Board as missionary for this work. He took charge November 1, 1893. Sunday-school was organized in December with 22 members. The congregation was organized January 7, 1894, with 26 charter members. The work has moved steadily onward until now the congregation numbers 50 members, and the Sunday-school 60. As yet no church property has been accumulated.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, SACRAMENTO.

The first steps to organize a German Lutheran church in Sacramento were taken by Rev. J. Buehler in San Francisco, Cal. Rev. C. F. Ebert of the Missouri Synod was in 1865 commissioned to Sacramento, but after two years of labor he left the field without gratifying results. In 1867, Rev. Matthias Goethe, of Melbourne, Australia, came to Sacramento. He at once commenced to work among the Germans, and in December, 1867, he organized with 23 members a German Lutheran congregation.

In February, 1868, the congregation bought the building of the former German Methodist church, on corner of 9th and K streets. Having worshiped in this place during the time of five years, and the congregation having outgrown these quarters, a lot was bought on 12th and K streets for the sum of $4,500, on which a fine church building was erected costing about $14,000.

In 1875 Rev. Goethe resigned, and the congregation was subsequently served by the following pastors: Revs. Theodore Langehecker, Dr. Carl Taubner, and A. Jatho.

In 1890, Rev. Chas. F. Oehler, of Sterling, Ills., a member of Wartburg Synod, arrived on the field. He succeeded in gathering the old membership

of the church and increased it to 175 to date. The Sunday-school has now 175 members. A few months after his arrival the congregation paid off its debt of $3,350, and erected a commodious parsonage adjoining the church for $2,300. In 1891 the congregation adopted the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Synod, and in April, 1893, applied for admission into the Synod of California. The church property is valued at $20,000, with an indebtedness of only $400. Under the efficient pastorship of Rev. C. F. Oehler, the congregation is at present in a prosperous and hopeful condition. (A year later improvements were made valued at about $5,500, changes being made at the entrance of church and a fine pipe organ being put in.)

ST. MATTHEW'S GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO.

On February 10, 1895, St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church of San Francisco was organized by Rev. H. Ghercke, pastor. They have fitted up a nice church for services at an expense of $375.00, and bid fair to do good service. They have a membership of 28, a Sunday-school of 45, and a Ladies' Aid Society with 55 members.

RECORDS.

I have gathered a complete file of the minutes of Synod and Woman's Convention, with constitutions and by-laws of each, and they will speak for themselves.

Realizing the great value the complete history of our Synod will be to our successors, we would recommend that each pastor and congregation be particular to send to the historian a copy of each circular, pastoral letter or document, of however slight importance it may seem, and a copy of every item of interest transpiring in the congregation during the year, and that this be a standing resolution.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART,
Historian of the Lutheran Synod of California.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by the President, Rev. C. W. Maggart.

SIXTH SESSION.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., APRIL 27TH, 1895, 2 P. M.

The Synod met to attend preparatory services, which were properly led by the President, with an appropriate address by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.

Ministerial Meeting.

LOS ANGELES, APRIL 27TH, 1895.

The ministerial meeting opened with prayer by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D. A letter of Rev. C. W. F. Kiesel, concerning his dismissal from the Synod of California, was read. The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. C. W. F. Kiesel, of Monrovia, California, having deceived us and failed to secure his letter of dismission from the Joint Synod of Ohio, according to promise, and acted as does not become a minister of the Gospel; therefore,

Resolved, That his name be dropped from our roll.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson.

Board of Directors.

LOS ANGELES, APRIL 27TH, 1895.

The Board of Directors met and the Secretary was instructed to have the newly elected members of the Board duly recorded.

The Board adjourned.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

JOHN EVERDING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 1, 1894, to April 26, 1895.*

	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconesses Board	External Objects	Total Benevolence
To balance	.....	$8 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$8 89
Oakland.												
Sacramento	$1 65	10 00	$26 95	$23 65	$23 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 90
San Diego	1 68	11 20	30 32	24 18	17 50	$7 15	.....	$5 60	$5 60	$0 70	.....	103 93
San José	1 50	10 62	24 50	21 50	21 50	9 20	$10 00	5 00	5 00	62	.....	109 44
Los Angeles	1 52	16 00	39 20	34 40	34 40	14 72	.....	8 00	8 00	1 88	.....	158 12
San Francisco	3 78	25 20	61 74	54 18	54 18	23 18	25 20	12 60	12 60	1 56	.....	274 22
Sacramento, German	2 00	8 00	16 00	24 00	22 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	$115 75	195 75
Alameda.												
Riverside	75	5 00	12 50	10 75	10 75	4 60	.....	2 15	.....	.....	.....	46 50
Monrovia	52	3 50	2 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 31
Rev. M. W. Hamma	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Beneficiary Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 37	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 37
Total amount received	$13 40	$108 41	$213 50	$192 66	$183 98	$58 85	$87 57	$41 35	$31 20	$4 76	$115 75	$1051 43
Total amount remitted	13 40	.....	213 50	192 66	183 98	58 85	52 37	41 35	31 20	4 76	115 75	907 82
Difference	.....	$108 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	$35 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	$143 61

By Lutheran Publication Society for Minutes	$55 06	Synodical Treasury and Beneficiary Education	$143 61
For printing	2 00	Total expenditures	57 06
Total expenditures	$57 06	Cash on hand April 26, 1895	$86 55

Respectfully submitted,

J. EVERDING, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX B.—Report of Apportionment Committee.

	No of Members.....	General Synod	Synodical Treasury...	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions	Church Extension....	Board of Education ..	Beneficiary Education.	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconesses Board...	Total Benevolence...
		.01½	.10	.24½	.21½	.21½	.9⅕	.10	.05	.05	.00⅘	$1 09
Oakland	25	37	$2 50	$6 12	$5 37	$5 37	$2 30	$2 50	$1 25	$1 25	20	27 25
Sacramento.....	115	$1 62	11 50	28 18	24 62	24 62	10 58	11 50	5 75	5 75	92	125 35
San Diego	115	1 62	11 50	28 18	24 62	24 62	10 58	11 50	5 75	5 75	92	125 35
San José	110	1 65	11 00	26 95	23 65	23 65	10 12	11 00	5 50	5 50	88	119 90
Los Angeles	176	2 64	17 00	43 12	37 84	37 84	16 19	17 60	8 80	8 80	$1 40	191 84
San Francisco.....	218	3 27	21 80	53 41	46 87	46 87	20 06	21 80	10 90	10 90	1 74	237 02
Sacramento, German....	175	2 63	17 50	42 88	37 63	37 63	16 10	17 50	8 75	8 75	1 40	189 95
Riverside.....	50	75	5 00	12 25	10 75	10 75	4 60	5 00	2 50	2 50	40	54 50
San Francisco, German..	28	42	2 80	6 86	6 02	6 02	2 58	2 80	1 40	1 40	22	30 52

Respectfully submitted, J. S. MOSER, C. W. MARWEDEL.

APPENDIX C.—Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.		
	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.
San Francisco	$3 78	.....	.....	$25 00	.....	$0 20	$61 74	.....	.....	$54 18	..	.....	$54 18	.....	.....
Los Angeles	2 40	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	39 20	.....	.....	34 40	..	.....	34 40	.....	.....
San Diego	1 68	.....	.....	11 20	.....	.....	30 32	$2 88	.....	24 18	..	.....	17 60	.....	$6 58
Sacramento	1 65	.....	.....	10 00	.....	1 00	26 95	.....	.....	23 65	..	.....	23 65	.....	.....
Oakland	.....	.....	$1 44	.....	.....	9 61	.....	.....	$23 52	.....	..	$20 64	.....	.....	20 64
San José	1 50	.....	.....	10 62	$0 62	.....	24 50	.....	.....	21 50	..	.....	21 50	.....	.....
Sacramento, German.	2 00	.....	55	8 00	.....	9 00	16 00	.....	25 65	24 00	..	12 55	22 00	.....	14 55
Riverside	75	.....	.....	4 15	.....	85	12 50	25	.....	10 75	..	.....	10 75	.....	.....
Alameda *	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	9 30	.....	.....	22 78	.....	..	20 00	.....	.....	20 00
Monrovia	52	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	2 29	.....	6 27	.....	..	7 53	.....	.....	7 53

	Board of Education.			Beneficiary Education.			Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Totals.		
	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.
San Francisco	$23 18	.....	.....	$25 20	.....	.....	$12 60	.....	.....	$12 60	..	.....	272 46	.....	$0 20
Los Angeles	14 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	$16 00	8 00	.....	.....	8 00	..	.....	173 12	.....	16 00
San Diego	7 15	.....	$3 15	.....	.....	11 20	5 60	.....	.....	5 60	..	.....	120 54	$2 88	17 78
Sacramento	.....	.....	10 12	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	$5 50	.....	..	$5 50	85 90	.....	37 12
Oakland	.....	.....	8 83	.....	.....	9 60	.....	.....	4 80	.....	..	4 80	.....	.....	104 88
San José	9 20	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	..	.....	108 82	62	
Sacramento, German.	115 75	100 11	.....	.....	.....	17 00	8 00	.....	50	.....	..	8 50	195 75	100 11	142 75
Riverside	4 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	..	.....	32 00	25	17 85
Alameda, German	.....	.....	8 55	.....	.....	9 30	.....	.....	4 65	.....	..	4 65	.....	.....	101 21
Monrovia	.....	.....	3 22	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	1 75	.....	..	1 75	6 31	.....	31 88

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON, H. GEHRCKE.

* No report from this church.

APPENDIX D —PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastor's Name and Address.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication and other losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
J. S. Simon, 1422 Page St., San Francisco	First Eng. Ev. Luth.	1	1	2	..	19	....	5	57	7	....	22	1	..	218	$55000 00	$8500 00	$3716 00	1
M. H. Stine, 8th & Flower Sts., Los Angeles	First Eng. Luth.	1	..	2	..	15	3	4	15	15	1	6	20	21	186	21000 00	6300 00	2525 00	2
C. W. Maggart, 1354 2d St., San Diego	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	15	...	4	4	9	2	2	2	5	115	15000 00	4000 00	2275 70	3
W. S. Hoskinson, 1399 O St., Sacramento	First Eng. Ev. Luth.	1	..	1	..	6	2	....	22	15	2	12	4	11	115	14000 00	3000 00	1388 48	4
J. E. Bushnell, 826 19th St., Oakland	First Eng. Ev. Luth.*	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	3	....	1	....	..	25	13000 00	9000 00	126 00	5
V. G. A. Tressler, San José (Safe Deposit Block)	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	15	1	11	9	9	4	10	3	14	110	4500 00	2000 00	3369 26	6
J. S. Moser, 411 E. 5th St., Riverside	Trinity Eng. Luth.	1	..	..	..	12	....	....	23	11	1	8	14	..	50	.....	9 00	328 00	7
Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St., Sacramento	German Lutheran	1	1	1	..	25	4	....	12	45	....	21	....	..	175	20000 00	400 00	2200 00	8
Hermann Gehrcke, 546 Turk St., San Francisco	St. Matthew's†	1	..	..	..	....	2	....	....	15	....	....	....	..	28	.....	.....	375 00	9
		9	2	11	..	107	12	24	142	129	10	82	44	51	1022	$175500 00	33209 00	$16242 44	10

* The recent re-organization of the work prevents a full report at this date.

† Since February 10, 1895.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.						BENEVOLENCE.													
					Contributions															
Index Number.	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconesses Board.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	..	21	200	$180 00	$118 00	$3 78	$25 00	$61 74	$54 18	$54 18	$23 18	$25 20	$46 20	$12 60	$12 60	$1 56	$25 00	$299 22	$4195 22
2	2	..	25	220	200 00	75 00	2 40	16 00	39 20	34 40	34 40	14 72	.....	169 00	8 00	8 00	1 00	82 00	240 00	2865 00
3	1	..	13	146	135 70	42 57	1 68	11 20	30 32	24 18	17 60	7 15	.....	61 16	5 60	5 60	70	20 00	181 33	2460 40
4	1	..	12	171	162 88	32 00	1 65	10 00	26 95	23 65	23 65	.....	.....	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	149 90	1428 38
5	1	..	6	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126 00	.....
6	1	..	15	125	47 95	47 62	1 50	10 62	24 50	21 50	21 50	9 20	10 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	62	16 00	150 44	3519 70
7	1	..	9	51	15 00	.....	75	4 15	12 50	10 75	10 75	4 60	.....	20 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	52 00	380 00
8	1	..	15	175	200 00	35 00	2 00	8 00	16 00	24 00	22 00	*115 75	.....	53 75	8 00	.....	.....	41 45	290 85	2490 85
9	..	..	2	38	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	380 00
10	9	..	118	1155	$946 53	$349 89	$13 76	$84 97	$211 21	$192 66	$174 08	$174 60	$35 20	$407 11	$39 20	$25 70	$3 88	$184 45	$1479 74	$17718 80

* German Seminary, Chicago.

Respectfully submitted, V. G. A. TRESSLER, C. W. MARWEDEL.

Lutherans in all Lands.

EUROPE.	Ministers	Churches	Baptized Members
Germany	15,550	20,450	28,369,000
Denmark	1,739	1,907	1,769,582
Sweden	2,418	2,408	4,677,176
Norway	869	960	1,795,814
Iceland	180	300	70,000
Faroe Islands	22	22	11,221
Finland, Russia	800	1,002	2,176,421
Poland, Russia	72	104	300,000
Remaining Russia	520	1,132	2,551,403
Austria	183	523	292,866
Hungary	718	1,162	1,130,150
France	124	95	80,655
Netherlands	67	58	73,696
Great Britain	26	48	30,000
Italy	12	13	9,000
Roumania	11	11	6,776
Servia	1	1	800
Bulgaria	1	1	120
Switzerland	8	9	11,095
Heligoland	1	1	1,913
Total in Europe	23,322	30,207	43,357,688
ASIA.			
Palestine	15	9	700
Hindoostan	134	86	67,926
China	26	18	4,679
Asiatic Russia	18	19	12,000
On Black Sea	5	5	8,716
Orient	7	7	1,948
Total in Asia	205	144	90,969
AFRICA.			
North Africa, Egypt	2	2	870
North Africa, Algeria	10	23	5,000
West Africa	40	20	9,264
South Africa	209	158	58,893
South Africa, Colonists	24	29	22,170
East Africa	10	4	140
Central Africa	11	2	100
Madagascar	42	404	40,000
Total in Africa	348	642	136,437
OCEANICA.			
Australia, Colonists	76	252	100,000
Australia, Foreign Missions	10	7	281
New Zealand	14	14	10,643
Hawaiian Islands	1	4	1,000
Borneo	9	6	1,063
Sumatra	17	15	12,350
New Guinea	5	4	130
Feejee Islands	1	1	100
Samoa Islands	1	1	127
Total in Oceanica	134	304	125,694
NORTH AMERICA.			
United States and Canada	4,830	8,601	6,600,000
Greenland	15	12	10,000
West Indies	3	4	1,500
Total in North America	4,848	8,617	6,611,500
SOUTH AMERICA.			
Argentine Republic	2	5	6,000
Brazil	40	54	85,000
British Guiana	1	5	500
Chili	3	6	4,000
Paraguay	0	0	350
Uruguay	1	1	1,400
Venezuela	1	1	1,000
Total in South America	48	72	98,250
SUMMARY.			
Europe	23,322	30,207	43,357,688
Asia	205	144	90,969
Africa	348	642	136,437
Oceanica	134	304	125,694
North America	4,848	8,617	6,611,500
South America	48	72	98,250
Jewish Missions	20	23	.....
Total in World	28,925	40,009	50,420,538

Lutherans in all Languages.

The Lutheran is a church of many guages. The latest statistics show of her baptized membership throug the world 32,000,000 speak German, 5 000 Swedish, 2,500,000 Norwegian, 2 000 Danish, 2,048,000 Finnish, 1,25 English, 1,113,000 Hungarian, 62 Livonian, 480,000 Courlandish, 27 Esthonian, 80,000 French, 70,000 landic, 48,000 Bohemian, and tha every other civilized tongue she is represented. The Lutheran Ch though taking its origin in Gern knows no fatherland or mother ton She is at home everywhere.

Lutherans in the United States.

In the United States, the Luth Church is doing Christian work in tw different languages, and has 4,830 m ters, 8,601 churches, and 1,111,683 municant members, twenty-four logical seminaries, twenty-five coll forty-eight seminaries and acade fifty-seven orphan homes and hosp and 144 church papers, of which f nine are English, fifty-four German, enteen Swedish, fourteen Norwe four Danish, three Finnish, one landic, and two French.

26 Lutheran Foreign Missionary Soc report as follows:

Stations, 357; foreign workers, 46 dained and 260 lay; native workers ordained and 3,246 lay; female wor 173; baptized members, 188,020; sch 1,437; scholars, 66,742; native cont tions, $25,253.08; income, $881,83 fields of work—Africa, India, Sand Islands, China, Abyssinia, Polyn Greenland, South America.

Growth of English Lutherans.

The General Synod, the pioneer strength of English Lutheranism, had a rapid growth, as will be seen the following figures, although less half of the members remained in her nection in 1867 after the unfortuna vision:—

Year.	Ministers.	Churches.	Comm Me
1821	113	350	
1864	955	1825	
1867	579	944	
1868	572	956	
1891	1002	1450	
1894	1127	1505	

J. N. LENK

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

W. H. & F. M. Synodical Society

OF

CALIFORNIA,

CONVENED IN

LOS ANGELES, CAL., APRIL 25, 1895.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the California Synod opened at 9 o'clock a. m., April 25, 1895, in the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles.

Owing to the absence of the President, Mrs. C. W. Maggart, the First Vice-President, Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, took the chair.

The Recording Secretary not being present, Miss L. L. A. Tressler was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

A Thanksgiving and Invocation Service was conducted by Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson as follows: Hymn, "Come, sound His praise abroad," followed by prayer by Mrs. A. Lothammer, of Sacramento. Reading of one hundredth Psalm in concert. Prayer by Mrs. Everding, of San Francisco.

A cordial greeting was extended to members of the Convention by Mrs. M. H. Stine, of Los Angeles. Response prepared by Mrs. C. F. Oehler, of Sacramento, was read by Mrs. A. Lothammer.

The regret of the Society on account of the absence and sickness of the President was manifested by a rising vote, and the Secretary was ordered to draft a letter of sympathy to her.

Credentials were presented, and the following Delegates were enrolled:

Los Angeles—Mrs. Mays.
Mrs. Keller.
San Francisco—Mrs. J. Everding.
Mrs. S. E. B. Myers.
Sacramento—Mrs. Traver (English church).
Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson (English church).
Mrs. Lothammer (German).
San Diego—Mrs. W. S. Thomas.
Miss E. C. Young.
San Jose—Miss L. L. A. Tressler.

Mrs. Myers and Miss Tressler were appointed to report the proceedings of convention to the Los Angeles dailies, and also to our church papers.

The President's address was read by Mrs. Hoskinson.

President's Address.

My Dear Co-Workers: The record of another Synodical year is about completed. We meet to-day at the birth-place of our California Synod. With grateful hearts let us bow in humble recognition of the tender mercies and kindly leadings of a gracious Providence, who has brought us together once more. One year ago we parted with new resolves and new responsibilities. To some of us who were already burdened with work, it seemed impossible to add another care. With hands and hearts united, looking unto the Great Head of the Church for strength in time of weakness, we have endeavored to give ourselves, we believe, earnestly and prayerfully, to the great interests of His kingdom and its precious subjects. We have labored in different places under differing circumstances and with varying encouragements and discouragements, widely separated from each other, yet bound by a common tie of love. To-day we meet to relate, the one to the other, the progress of the work of our societies on the Pacific coast. With what success our efforts have been attended may not wholly be revealed to us by our reports to-day. We shall perhaps not know of much good done, and rich sheaves resulting therefrom, until the final gathering, when the Master shall say, "These also hast thou gleaned." To me it has been a great pleasure, and honor, and blessing, that I have been given another year's service for my Master and the souls that yet sit in the "bonds of iniquity and the shadow of

death." In the light of our great opportunities, have we done all we could, have we abounded in the work of the Lord?

ORGANIZATION.

Our Synodical Constitution lays upon your President during the interim between conventions no specific duties, save that of the supervision of the Societies' general work. However, early in May last, I visited the ladies of the Riverside congregation, with whom at an early date after our Convention last April arrangements had been made for a Missionary meeting, with a view to organizing an Auxiliary Society. After a half hour's talk, explaining the work of General, Synodical and Auxiliary Societies, an earnest prayer that God would touch the hearts of these women with a burning coal from off His holy altar and lead them to see and realize their duty as well as privilege of making disciples of all nations, the Auxiliary Constitution was read and we organized an enthusiastic Society, elected officers, and arranged for the first meeting.

A few weeks following, letters were sent to two members of the Oakland church, urging a re-organization of their Missionary Society. We are glad to report that this Society is again numbered among our Auxiliaries, so that now we can report a Society for each church in our Synod, exeept two of our German churches, which we hope will soon be ripe for the organization of societies.

OUR NEED.

It is about the early years of a child's life that the thoughtful mother is much concerned. Why? Because it is then she strives to lay deep and broad, wisely and cautiously, the foundation upon which the character and future life of her child will stand. Our Synodical Society is in its young and tender years, and it is necessary for our future success and prosperity that *all departments of our work be thoroughly systematized.* To reach the highest point of success in anything there must be method. We must have *regularity and uniformity in reports.* We urge that our Auxiliary officers be *prompt, regular and careful* in sending their reports to Synodical officers, and that our Synodical officers be prompt in reporting to the general officers. The success and efficiency of our general work depend largely upon the successful work of our Synodical Societies. I would also encourage the spirit of loyalty to our General Executive Committee.

It is quite necessary for the proper keeping of records that our Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer be supplied with books, and would suggest that action be taken upon this matter at this convention.

I cannot too strongly recommend frequent correspondence between Synodical and Auxiliary officers. Much time, at best, is consumed in correspondence by your Executive Committee, because of the great distance that separates us as societies. The furtherance of our work as a Synodical Society is hindered or helped according as our Auxiliary officers are prompt and explicit in their replies to the Synodical officers' correspondence. A frequent and full account of the doings and condition of Auxiliary Societies sent to the Synodical Exec-

utive Committee would furnish them with just such intelligence as they need to enable them to be helpful to you as Auxiliary Societies, and advance the work of the Synodical Society. May I not lovingly urge that as Auxiliary delegates, on your return to your Societies, you impress the importance of this point upon them?

MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

Our work, to be progressive, must be educational, and to this end we should more widely disseminate our church literature. It is impossible for us to actively interest ourselves in anything we do not understand; equally impossible is it to understand, if there is no endeavor on our part to do so. Our General Literature Committee have taken great interest in us at a time when we were a helpless child. Now that we are able to stand upon our feet with a degree of safety, steps should be taken to advance the interests of this department of our work. We should have a Literature Committee in each of our Auxiliary Societies, with some definite, specific plan of work. Our Synodical Literature Committee should be provided with an appropriation for their work. I would suggest that a small appropriation be made from the Synodical fund for this work. It will be impossible for our General Society to push the literature work to any successful issue unless heartily supported by our Synodical and Auxiliary Societies; neither can we hope for the development of a broad, whole-souled, liberal missionary spirit among our people, unless in some way our missionary literature reaches their hands, and the Macedonian cries for help thereby reach their ears, arouse their hearts and open their pocket-books. Again and again do we read that some little tract has been the means of saving some precious soul, or has led some to consecrate their lives to a better service of the Master, or to give themselves to the work of the foreign field. Keep your societies well supplied with literature; have it read at your meetings. In this way you will often be able to interest those who will not read for themselves. We heartily recommend to you our *Children's Missionary*. It is a bright, cheery little paper, just such as we should place in the hands of our Sunday-school children and Junior Christian Endeavorers, if we would interest them in missionary work.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN.

It is in the development, education and divinely-given power of our young people and children we hope our mission work in the future will be given accelerated force and strength. In order to realize this hope, they must in some way be brought under the missionary teachings and influence of our Church Missionary Societies. This, for a few years, we have been endeavoring to accomplish through our Young People's and Children's Mission Bands. Since the organization of Christian Endeavor and other Young People's Societies, it has seemed that our forces have been divided, and thereby somewhat weakened. We believe the work could be much more satisfactorily carried on and with better results, in connection with our Endeavor and

kindred Societies. We therefore present for your consideration the following Constitutional Amendment to Article X of the Synodical Constitution of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, which will come up for discussion at our General Convention in June:

"Any Society of Christian Endeavor, or kindred Society, whether Young People's or Junior, may become Auxiliary to this Society by electing a Missionary Secretary, who shall send quarterly or annual reports to the Synodical Secretary, by devoting one meeting a month to the subject of missions, and by paying per member, a regular sum monthly or annually, which shall be remitted quarterly to the Synodical Treasurer, to be paid into the general fund for the support of our missionaries. Special objects recommended by the Executive Committee shall be provided for otherwise."

You will see that I have added to this the words "kindred societies." I believe our work is for the future, and should be far-reaching. Then, too, all our denominational societies should be included in this amendment. The power to alter or amend our Synodical Constitution belongs not to us but to the General Society. It is our privilege, however, to instruct our delegate how to vote upon this amendment. I trust this Convention will heartily approve the amendment as given above, and instruct our delegate so to voice the sentiment of our California Synodical Society.

WOMAN'S DAY.

At our last General Convention in Omaha, Neb., the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That for the information of our people and the increased interest of our work, a Sunday in the year be appointed to be known as Woman's Day, and that the pastors throughout the General Synod, if favorable to this resolution, be requested to refer to our work on that day, and endeavor to enlist the hearty co-operation of all their women in this branch of our Master's work."

In view of this resolution we would recommend that the second Lord's Day of March be set apart as Woman's Day, and that our pastors be requested, if favorable, to refer to the work of this Society, and when practicable, public missionary meetings be held, to the end that the hearty co-operation of all our women be enlisted in this great work of our Master's kingdom.

THANK-OFFERING.

It is proposed to make our last autumn's Thank Offering an annual one. It is hoped by this plan to encourage our women to lay aside a little each week for this offering, and thus educate to more regular and systematic giving. This is to be additional to our other offerings, and is to be used solely for mission work. Our thank offering was good, but let us strive to do even better this coming fall.

WOMAN'S LEAGUE.

You will find on the Literature table, tracts explaining the Lutheran

Woman's International League; also Auxiliary Constitutions to the same. Mrs. Hamma desires me to urge you to increased interest in this organization.

CONCLUSION.

The year's work is about completed. With prayerful heart we turn in gratitude to the Giver of all good for the blessings and prosperity He has given our Societies during the year. I regret keenly that I shall be deprived of the pleasure and blessing of the Convention, but am thankful I have been given strength to complete the year's work thus far, and pray God's richest blessing upon you all as you plan for greater achievements in our Master's work. Should this be my last message to you until we, with our sheaves, gather in that glorious convention on the other side, where our work shall have been completed, to sing the praises of "Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," let it be onward! forward! in earnest consecration. "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it," and unto Him be glory throughout the ages.

MRS. CHARLES W. MAGGART.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:

List of Committees.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Everding and Mrs. Mays.

Letters and Greeting—Mrs. Stine and Mrs. Keller.

Resolutions—Mrs. Everding and Mrs. Traver.

President's Address—Mrs. Myers and Miss Young.

Papers, Literature and Historian's Report—Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Lothammer.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. H. Stine, read her report, which was accepted.

(See Corresponding Secretary's Report.)

Miss L. L. A. Tressler read the Treasurer's Report, and it was accepted.

(See Treasurer's Report.)

The Historian's Report was read by the Historian, Mrs. Myers.

Reports of Auxiliary Delegates followed.

An excellent paper on "Our Literature; its Importance and Helpfulness," prepared by Mrs. William Moller, of Oakland, was read by Mrs. Everding, who afterwards gave the Report of the Literature Committee.

Quite a discussion followed in which Mrs. Everding, Mrs. Stine, Mrs. Myers, Miss Tressler, and Mrs. Hoskinson took part.

Miss Young introduced a new plan for circulating literature.

The History of the Society was read by the Historian.

Rev. Bushnell gave a written and verbal report of the work in Oakland. Also invited the Convention to meet with the Oakland Society next year.

A report of the work in the Riverside Mission was read by the Secretary.

Meeting closed with the Doxology.

MISS L. L. A. TRESSLER,
Secretary pro tem.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 1 : 30.

Opened with devotional service, conducted by Mrs. S. E. B. Myers, followed by an address, "Work Among the Indians at Banning, Cal.," by Mrs. Wieland.

Business Session.

Miss Tressler, Secretary *pro tem.*, resigned in favor of Miss Hickethier.

The roll of delegates was called, after singing Hymn 390.

A paper, "How Best Cultivate a Missionary Spirit?" by Miss E. C. Young, San Diego, was followed by one, "Our Encouragements," by Mrs. R. Reeser, Los Angeles.

Mrs. J. Everding, San Francisco, then entertained the Convention with "Home Missions—Past and Present." From these ably written papers much good was derived.

Solo, entitled, "Where Are the Reapers?" was sung by Miss Nettie Rommel.

A very instructive and interesting paper, "India as a Mission Field," by Miss L. L. A. Tressler, San José.

"Tidings from India and Africa," were read by Corresponding Secretary.

Session for afternoon adjourned with singing of Hymn 223, to unite with pastors and friends in a devotional service.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, APRIL 26TH.

Convention opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. G. M. Wieman, Los Angeles; subject, "Abiding." Much spiritual good was derived by members taking part.

An able address, "Mission Work in New Mexico," by Mrs. T. V. Ailman, Los Angeles.

Beautiful and helpful suggestions were obtained from Mrs. S. E. B. Myers' paper on "Essentials of a Successful Missionary Society."

Business Session.

Roll call, minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A collection was taken, amounting to $4.55.

The following reports of convention committees were received:

Auditing Committee reported Treasurer's report correct.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

The Committee on the President's Address wish to call attention to the following points:

1. A regularity and uniformity in reports.
2. Loyalty to our Executive Committee.
3. We recommend the purchase of books for keeping the official records at the earliest opportunity.
4. We endorse the recommendation of frequent correspondence between the societies and synodical officers.
5. We recommend that our delegate be instructed to vote for the proposed amendment to Article X of the General Society's Constitution, using her influence to have all Young People's Societies substituted for Christian Endeavor.
6. We recommend the article upon "Woman's Day" as passed by the General Convention, and the second Sunday in March to be the day appointed.
7. We recommend a more general circulation of the church papers and literature.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. E. B. MYERS,
MRS. E. C. YOUNG.

Report of Committee on Letters and Greetings.

The following letters have been submitted to your Committee: A letter from Guntur, by Rev. Dr. E. Unangst, was read. It gave us a clearer idea of the great work being done by our devoted workers in foreign fields. Also one

from Rev. Kinsinger, who has recently taken up the work in far-away India, whose work breathes of devotion to the cause. Dr. Day's letter from Africa was listened to with interest and pleasure, and brought us a sense of nearness to our noble workers in Africa. The letters from our beloved missionaries in the foreign fields are always gratefully received, as they bring us nearer to them.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. H. STINE,
MRS. E. KELLER.

Report of Committee on History, Papers and Literature.

Your Committee on History, Papers and Literature respectfully submit the following:

1. That much of the success of the past year has been due to the work of our Synodical Literature Committee.

2. That the interest of our Convention has been increased, and that we have been greatly benefited by the literature table so bountifully supplied with copies of all our church papers, journals, tracts, missionary photographs, etc.

3. That Mrs. Moller's paper on "Our Literature" be published in the *Missionary Journal.*

4. We heartily approve of the plan proposed by Miss Young for the distribution of tracts, and desire that every Society adopt the same.

5. We also agree that the *Missionary Journal* should be illustrated, and hope that our delegate to the General Convention will use her influence to that end.

6. We believe, as has been urged, that each Auxiliary Society should make earnest efforts to have every family connected with the church, read at least one of our church papers.

7. That it is our duty to use our influence to have the *Children's Missionary* introduced generally into our Sunday-schools.

8. That we agree with the Convention that the Bible should be the chief study of our Societies.

9. That Mrs. Myers History is in every way a success, and should be read in every Auxiliary Society.

10. That the papers have all been interesting, instructive, and helpful, and we consider them worthy of publication.

MARY E. THOMAS.
MRS. A. LOTHAMMER.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved 1. That this Convention sincerely appreciates the tender and sisterly letter or greeting from Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, of Oakland, and tender her our sympathy and co-operation in the arduous undertaking in which she and Mr. Bushnell are engaged, and hope that in the next Convention we may have her with us.

Resolved 2. That the office of the Historian be permanently filled by the present officer, and terminated at her option.

Resolved 3. That the Historian's traveling expenses to the Convention be defrayed from the general fund.

Resolved 4. That we have heard the greetings from our Foreign Missionaries with pleasure, and desire our Corresponding Secretary to convey our greetings to them.

Resolved 5. That we have cause for great encouragement and thankfulness in the reports of our Auxiliary Societies, and in the increase of interest amongst them.

Resolved 6. That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the First English Church and daily papers of Los Angeles.

MRS. EVERDING,
MRS. TRAVER.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Hoskinson, 1309 O St., Sacramento.

First Vice-President—Mrs. J. Everding, 2116 Mason St., San Francisco.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. C. F. Oehler, Sacramento.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. S. A. Garrett, Los Angeles.

Recording Secretary—Miss Rose Hickethier, Los Angeles.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. Lothammer, Sacramento.

Treasurer—Miss L. L. A. Tressler, San José.

The President appointed the following Literature Committee: Miss E. C. Young, *Chairman*, San Diego; Mrs. Simon, San Francisco; Mrs. Bushnell, Oakland.

On motion, the Society adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Unfinished Business.

A resolution was passed ordering the delegates of this convention to instruct their Auxiliary Secretaries and Treasurers that their reports correspond and be promptly sent to Synodical Treasurer and Secretary.

Miss Tressler having been instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. C. W. Maggart, read it to the convention.

By order of convention, the traveling expenses of Mrs. Myers, the Historian, were paid. Mrs. Myers presented to the Society $5.00 of the $10.00 received.

It was

Resolved, That the paper, "Our Literature—Its Importance and Helpfulness," by Mrs. Wm. Moller, be published in the *Missionary Journal.*

An order for the expenses of the President, amounting to fifteen dollars, was drawn upon the Treasurer.

The President presented the Society with five dollars of the fifteen received.

It was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring officers.

A hearty invitation from Miss Tressler to meet in San José next year, was accepted.

Convention closed by Consecration Service conducted by the President elect.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The anniversary services were held in the auditorium of the church, and were presided over by Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers.

Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, the President, read, in a smooth and effective manner, a most excellent paper, entitled, "A Lutheran Woman and Her Field."

A consecrated, earnest and pleasing address was given by Dr. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

The choir rendered excellent music.

A collection, amounting to $7.18, was taken.

Service closed by benediction from Dr. Barnitz.

ROSE E. HICKETHIER,
Secretary pro tem.

Report of the Synodical Secretary of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the California Synod of the Lutheran Church, for the Year Ending March 31st, 1895.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Name and Address of Corresponding Secretary.	Membership. Total	Active	Honorary.	Life	Journals	Children's Missionary	Total Amount Sent to Synodical Treasurer.	No. of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.	Synodical Fee.
San Francisco	Dec. 3, 1891.	Miss Kate Cantrell, 1216 Larkin St.	43	23	20	..	7	...	$46 20	..	..	$1 10
Los Angeles	March, 1889.	Miss Rose E. Hickethier	30	30	..	..	19	...	17 80	..	..	1 50
English, Sacramento.	Nov., 1892.	Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson	24	21	3	..	16	....	30 80	..	..	1 25
German, Sacramento.	June 8, 1892.	Mrs. A. Lothammer, 1527 P St.	35	32	3	..	10	....	53 75	..	..	2 05
San José	Feb. 22, 1892.	Mrs. A. M. Wheaton, 859 N. 14th St.	16	15	1	..	13	36	25 00	..	..	1 15
Riverside	May 18, 1894.	Mrs. J. A. Cobb	16	16	..	..	3	....	20 80	..	..	40
Oakland	June 22, 1891.	.....	24	....	..	..	..	....	.....	..	..	1 20
Young People's Societies.												
San Diego	April 12, 1889.	Mrs. C. W. Maggart	24	15	9	..	12	....	15 35	..	..	75
Amount of Collection at Friday morning session			....	....	..	..	..	....	.....	..	..	4 50
Totals			188	152	36	..	80	36	$209 70	.	..	.....

Treasurer's Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California Synod.

	General Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Thank Offering	Medical Home, India	San José Mission	Council Bluffs	Synodical Fee	Synodical Fund	Local Work	Total
To balance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 35	.....	.....	$2 35
Los Angeles	$12 00	.....	.....	$4 30	.....	.....	.....	1 50	$5 00	.....	22 80
Oakland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	1 20
Riverside	14 30	.....	.....	3 10	.....	$3 00	.....	40	.....	.....	20 80
San Francisco	10 60	$28 10	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	1 10	5 00	.....	46 20
Sacramento	15 50	.....	.....	3 00	$4 80	.....	$6 25	1 25	.....	.....	30 80
Sacramento, German	14 00	10 00	$27 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 05	5 00	.....	58 75
San Diego	12 10	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	75	5 00	.....	20 35
San José	4 00	1 50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 15	1 90	$17 35	26 90
Amount received	$82 50	$39 60	$27 70	$15 30	$4 80	$3 00	$6 25	$11 75	$21 90	$17 35	$230 15
Amount remitted	82 50	39 60	27 70	15 30	4 80	3 00	6 25	11 75	21 90	17 35	230 15

Collections, $11.23. Expenses, $11.23.

Respectfully submitted, L. L. A. TRESSLER, *Treasurer*.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES,

CONVENED IN

SAN JOSÉ, CAL., APRIL 15TH TO 19TH, 1896.

ALSO,

A SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD AT

SAN JOSÉ, CAL., APRIL 16TH AND 17TH, 1896.

PHILADELPHIA:
LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.
1896.

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Place of Meetings.	Date.....	OFFICERS.		
		President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller.....	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson.....	Mr. John Everding.
San Francisco.....	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson.....	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.....	Mr. John Everding.
Sacramento.....	1893	Rev. Philip Graif.....	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
San Diego.....	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine.....	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler.....	Mr. John Everding.
San José.....	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.....	Rev. O. H. Gruver.....	Mr. John Everding.

Synodical Calendar, 1896-1897.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT.

Rev. VICTOR G. A. TRESSLER,
55 E. Julian St., San José, Cal.

SECRETARY.

Rev. OSCAR H. GRUVER,
1502 Laguna St., San Francisco, Cal.

TREASURER.

Mr. JOHN EVERDING,
2116 Mason St., San Francisco, Cal.

NEXT MEETING.

Place—Oakland, Cal.
Time—April 28, 1897.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1896-1897.

Home Missions.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Rev. C. W. Maggart,
Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Church Extension.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.,
Rev. Wm. Brandes.

Beneficiary Education.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., Rev. J. W. Ball,
Rev. A. Jatho.

Examination of Candidates for the Ministry.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.,
Rev. C. W. Maggart.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

HELD IN

SAN JOSÉ, CAL., April 15th to 19th, 1896.

SAN JOSÉ, CAL., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH, 1896, 8 P. M.

The first service of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Synod of California was held in Grace Lutheran Church, San José, Cal., Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, pastor. After the liturgical service, conducted by Revs. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D. and Jesse W. Ball, the opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. C. W. Maggart, of San Diego, Cal., from 2 Kings ii. 14, 15; theme, "Power for Duty." After the sermon the Synodical communion was participated in by the members of Synod and delegates.

FIRST SESSION.

SAN JOSÉ, CAL., APRIL 16TH, 1896, THURSDAY, 9 : 30 A. M.

The Synod met in a half hour's devotional service, conducted

by the President, Rev. C. W. Maggart. The session was formally opened with prayer, after which the clerical roll was called and lay delegates received and enrolled.

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry	Clerical Members.	Residence.	Lay Delegates.
	S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., *a. e.*	San Diego	No Charge.
	A. C. Wedekind, D. D., *a. e.*	San Diego	No Charge.
	Wm. Uhl, *a. e.*	Monrovia	No Charge.
	M. W. Hamma, D. D., *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	No Charge.
1877	J. S. Moser	Riverside.	
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Sacramento	Geo. Gifford.
1882	J. E. Bushnell, D. D.	Oakland	Wm. H. Moller.
1885	C. W. Maggart	San Diego	Henry Seebold, *a. e.*
1887	Wm. Brandes	Napa.	
1887	A. Jatho	Oakland.	
1888	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	Fred. Meckfessel.
1891	V. G. A. Tressler	San José	Christian Hansen.
1892	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	Theo. Jatho, *a. e.*
1892	O. H. Gruver	San Francisco	G. G. Burnett.
1894	J. W. Ball, *o.*	Los Angeles	Wm. Bosbyshell.
	J. Schmierer, *a.*	Monrovia.	
	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	Arroyo Grande.	

a. Absent. *a. e.* Absent and excused. *o.* Ordained.

Advisory Members.

On motion, Revs. E. Unangst, D. D., A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., and H. L. Yarger, were received as advisory members.

President's Report.

The President read the report of his official acts during the year, which was received and referred to the proper committee:

Beloved Brethren in the Fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ: Another year of opportunity has come and gone. With renewed and profound gratitude to God for his continued mercy and blessing to our churches and peoples, let us rejoice that we have the privilege to meet in another new and beautiful temple of worship, which stands to the untiring zeal and energy of this faithful pastor and his devoted people.

We should not forget to give continual thanks to the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension for their wise and helpful influence at the proper times in this mission field.

I herewith submit my official acts during the year.

I. RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS.

About the first of July I was informed by the Rev. M. H. Stine that he had resigned the pastorate of the First Lutheran church of Los Angeles, and would depart for the east, July 29th. He afterwards asked for a letter of dismissal to the East Pennsylvania Synod, which was granted October 9th.

On August 20th, I was informed by the Rev. J. S. Simon that he had resigned at San Francisco First church to accept a call to the mission at Cleveland, Ohio. At his request he was granted a letter of dismissal to the East Ohio Synod. Dismissal was sent August 30th.

II. ACCESSIONS.

On the 25th of September, I received a letter from the Rev. J. W. Ball, a licentiate of the Allegheny Synod, saying he had received and accepted a call to the First Lutheran church of Los Angeles, and began his work on the 22d of September. Early in November, the council of our First church in San Francisco informed me that they had called as their pastor the Rev. O. H. Gruver, of Hyndman, Pa. The letters of these brethren were received on the 22d of October, and their names were enrolled as members of this Synod. On the 30th of November, Rev. L. C. Routzahn, of Arrayo Grande, Cal., sent me his letter of dismissal from the Synod of Kansas, and his name was enrolled. On the 20th of March, I received the dismissal of Rev. Adolph Jatho, of Oakland, Cal., from the Synod of Nebraska, and his name was entered on our roll. On the 4th of April, Rev. W. Brandes, of Napa, Cal., sent me his dismissal from the Wartburg Synod, and he was enrolled as a member of this Synod.

On the 15th of July, I received a letter from Pastor Leo Geick, who has been preaching in South San Francisco and at Noe and Eureka Valleys. His dismissal is received from the German Evangelical Lutheran Congregational churches of South Dakota. The same I place in your hands for action according to Article VI., Section 3, of our Synodical Constitution.

III. CORNER-STONE LAYING.

I gleaned from the church papers that on the 28th of July, the corner-stone of the Grace English Lutheran church of San José was laid with impressive ceremonies, the address of the day being delivered by the Rev. J. S. Simon.

On August 8th, I was informed by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., pastor of the English Lutheran church, of Oakland, Cal., that the corner-stone of their church would be laid on the 11th of August.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

On the 8th of December, according to appointment, the Rev. O. H. Gruver was installed as pastor of the First Lutheran church, of San Francisco, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., officiating. On the 15th of December, the Rev. V. G. A.

Tressler was installed pastor of Grace English Lutheran church, of San José Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., delivering the charge to the people, and Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., the charge to the pastor.

V. DEDICATION.

On the 15th of December, this beautiful church in which we are assembled was dedicated to the worship of our blessed Lord. As we behold its marvelous beauty, we are constrained to say, "What hath God wrought?" The energetic and untiring pastor and faithful people are deserving of the highest praise for this marvelous achievement.

VI. CHURCH OPENING.

We learned that the beautiful church at Oakland was opened the first part of December. The dedication of this temple of worship will take place on the 19th of April, next Lord's day. May it be a most propitious and helpful day for our mission there, and for our church in California.

VII. MISCELLANY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

During the year I had some correspondence with Mr. S. C. Severtson, who is doing some missionary work in the colony at Corning, Cal. He has been working somewhat under instructions of the Hauge Synod, preaching to the people in English. I asked him to do what he could during the year and report to this meeting of Synod.

It is our fond hope that during the coming year several new missions may be begun in the more important points of the State. Praying God's richest blessing to rest upon our labors, and that He will grant us a profitable meeting of Synod, I hereby return to you the trust which you graciously accorded me a year ago.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers being next in order, the President appointed the following brethren as tellers: Rev. J. W. Ball, Mr. G. G. Burnett, and Mr. Wm. H. Moller.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D., that portion of the report of the committee on the minutes of last Synod referring to the voting power of the Treasurer was taken up and considered, and on motion of Rev. J. S. Moser, the Treasurer was granted the right to vote on all questions before the Synod, with all the other privileges of a regular delegate.

The result of the election was as follows:

President—Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler.

Secretary—Rev. Oscar H. Gruver.

Treasurer—Mr. John Everding.

The newly elected officers immediately took their places.

On motion, one-half hour's recess was taken by Synod in order to allow the President time to arrange his committees.

The President appointed the following committees:

List of Committees.

No. 1. *President's Report*—Revs. J. W. Ball and H. Gehrcke.

No. 2. *Letters and Papers*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, A. Jatho, and Mr. G. G. Burnett.

No. 3. *Apportionment*—Messrs. G. G. Burnett and Wm. Bosbyshell.

No. 4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Rev. J. S. Moser and Mr. Christian Hansen.

No. 5. *Auditing Committee*—Messrs. Wm. Moller and Geo. Gifford.

No. 6. *Temperance and Resolutions*—Rev. C. W. Maggart and Mr. Theo. Jatho.

No. 7. *Parochial Report*—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and Mr. F. Meckfessel.

No. 8. *General Synod*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson and J. W. Ball.

No. 9. *Devotional Services*—Revs. C. F. Oehler and V. G. A. Tressler.

No. 10. *Excess and Deficit*—Revs. C. F. Oehler and Wm. Brandes.

No. 11. *Sunday-Schools and Young People's Societies*—Revs. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and O. H. Gruver.

No. 12. *State of the Church*—Revs. C. W. Maggart, H. Gehrcke, and J. E. Bushnell.

No. 13. *Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. J. W. Ball, Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell, and Mr. G. G. Burnett.

Minutes of Last Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Last Convention of Synod reported as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Synod report as follows:

1. On page 10 it is recommended that the matter of L. R. Garrett's indebtedness be left in the care of his pastor, to be adjusted kindly, but correctly. Has this been done?

2. Also, that each pastor preach a special sermon during the year, urging young men to devote themselves to the gospel ministry, etc. Was this done?

3. On page 16 it was resolved, "That all benevolent contributions of our churches be passed into the hands of our Treasurer before the last week before the meeting of this Synod." Was this attended to?

4. On page 18 it was resolved, "That the Secretary be instructed to purchase a book in which the minutes of the California Synod, beginning with its first meeting, be entered by a penman, and expenses be paid by our Treasurer." Was this attended to?

5. On same page Rev. J. S. Simon announced that at the next meeting of Synod he would submit the following amendment to Article X, Sec. 3 of the Constitution: "The Treasurer shall have the right to vote on all questions, whether he be a regularly elected delegate from any congregation or not." In his absence, shall this amendment be adopted?

6. On page 23 it is recommended "that each pastor and congregation be particular to send to the historian a copy of each circular, pastoral letter or document, of however slight importance it may seem, and a copy of every item of interest transpiring in the congregation during the year." Has this been done?

Respectfully submitted, J. S. MOSER.

On motion the report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Answered in part by the pastor, Rev. Ball, and Mr. Bosbyshell, and referred to the Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Item 2. Yes, in part.

Item 3. Yes, in part.

Item 4. Yes.

Item 5. Adopted previously.

Item 6. Answered by historian, No.

Adopted as a whole.

Hours of Business.

On motion, the hours for the sessions of the Synod were decided as follows:

Morning—9 : 30 to 11 : 30.

Afternoon—2 to 4 : 30.

Evening—7 : 45 o'clock.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The Synod was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. Unangst, D. D.

The minutes were read and approved.

Letters of greeting were received and read from absent members of Synod, Secretaries of Boards, and friends. The Secretary was authorized to reply to these greetings.

The Parochial Reports of the congregations were read and handed to the proper committee.

On motion, a recess of twenty minutes was taken on the invitation of Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, President of the W. H. and F. M. Society convention in session in the parlors of Grace church, to listen to the address of Dr. Hartman.

Report of the Delegates to the General Synod.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D., read the report of the delegates to the last convention of the General Synod, which met at Hagerstown, Md., as follows:

The Thirty-Seventh Convention of the General Synod assembled at Hagerstown, Md., from June 5th to 13th. The delegates from California were all present. There was a full attendance of delegates and visitors, and an earnest Christian spirit characterized all the sessions. There seemed to be no disposition for controversy, but rather an earnest purpose to push on the practical interests of the Kingdom.

It was an assembly to make one feel the great power and fair prospects of our American Lutheran Church. Her doctrinal position and form of worship are settled, and the old faith of our forefathers will continue to be the faith of our children's children. The outlook for our church is indeed most hopeful.

All the Church Boards are well managed and reported increased contributions and no debts. The Pastors' Fund and Orphan Asylum have received larger sums in these two years than usual. An encouraging increase in the number of churches and membership was reported. The Young People's Societies are prospering everywhere, and our educational institutions show great growth and efficiency. All these reports were full of promise of the favor of God.

The revised Catechism was adopted and recommended for use in all the churches. The committee on fraternal relations with other Lutheran bodies

gave an encouraging report, showing a coming together into closer union of the different branches of our church.

Our Book of Worship is undergoing revision, and when done will give us a much better book.

An abbreviated Order of Service was adopted for the use of all churches that prefer a shorter service.

The Western Theological Seminary was started by making provision for the support of one professor.

The work in California received due share of attention, showing that the whole Church is interested in our churches on this coast.

Our Synod is apportioned for each of the two years from April 1st, 1896, to March 31st, 1898:

Foreign Missions	$237.00
Home Missions	305.00
Church Extension	237.00
Board of Education	118.00
General Synod	18.00
Pastors' Fund	118.00
Deaconess Board	40.00
Home of Aged	59.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
G. G. BURNETT,
WM. BOSBYSHELL,
For the Delegates.

Adopted.

President's Report.

Rev. J. W. Ball offered the following report:

Your Committee on the President's Report respectively report that they find nothing requiring the special consideration of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL,
H. GEHRCKE.

Adopted.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. L. Yarger.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 7:45 P. M.

The liturgical service being conducted by the President, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, addresses were delivered by Rev. O. H.

Gruver, on Education; Rev. H. L. Yarger, on Church Extension, and Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., on Foreign Mission work in India.

THIRD SESSION.

San José, Cal., April 17, 1896, Friday, 9:30 a. m.

Devotional services were led by Rev. C. F. Oehler, after which the Synod was called to order by the President, who offered a prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Minutes of the General Synod.

The following report was presented:

In addition to the items noticed in the report of the Delegates to the General Synod, we find that the close of the fiscal year was made 30th of April instead of 31st of March.

We would call attention of the Beneficiary Education Committee of our Synod to the recommendation found on page 81, and of our Committee on Parochial Reports to page 84.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. W. BALL.

Adopted.

Letters and Papers.

The Committee on Letters and Papers presented their report as follows:

First is a letter from Rev. Philip Graif requesting a letter of dismissal from this Synod to the Golden Gate Free Baptist Association. We recommend that the request be granted.

Second is a letter from Rev. H. E. Ongerth, requesting some help in the way of Sunday-school supplies. We refer the same to Synod for action.

Third, are letters from Mr. S. C. Severtson, of Corning, Tehama Co. We ask that his letter be read before Synod.

Fourth, are letters of dismissal and request for aid and guidance from Rev. Leo. Geick, of San Francisco. We would recommend that this be read before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
G. G. BURNETT,
A. JATHO.

On motion of Rev. C. W. Maggart, the report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. This was amended so as to read: In view of Rev. Philip Graif's request, we grant the removal of his name from our roll.

Items 2 and 3. Referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Item 4. Referred to the Ministerium.

Adopted as a whole.

State of the Church.

The committee offered their report as below:

Your Committee have examined with care the reports from the different churches, and find that for the most part a very commendable progress has been made.

We rejoice in the excellent showing made by our churches in their Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor work, and in the manifestations of loyalty, piety and spirituality which are revealed by the reports.

While the whole territory of our Synod is permeated with liberalism in all its varied forms, we rejoice that our pastors unitedly stand firm in preaching the pure gospel.

Let us tenaciously hold on to our faith and persevere in our work, and ere we are aware the silver lining will appear and victory will perch upon our swords, and great rejoicing will be ours. "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Then let us press on and on, never faltering, until we are called up higher.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART,
HERM. GEHRCKE.

Adopted.

Invitation to Visit Lick Observatory.

A letter of invitation from Professor Holden to the Synod to visit Mt. Hamilton was read, and on motion, the thanks of the Synod were tendered for the kind invitation.

The Committee on Apportionment presented a partial report and begged for instructions.

On motion of Rev. C. W. Maggart, ten cents per member were apportioned for the Synodical Treasury.

Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell moved that the resolution apportioning ten cents per member for Beneficiary Education, as found on page 13 of last year's Minutes, be rescinded.

On motion, this resolution was laid on the table until after the report on Beneficiary Education.

Beneficiary Education.

The report was read by the Chairman, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, as follows:

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education is constantly and cumulatively impressed with the absoluteness of California's demand upon the Lutheran Church for spiritual nourishment and culture. For the sake of the State and for the honor of the Church, this demand must be opportunely met. But without a ministry indigenous to the people, we can not now nor ever positively and productively plant our church. The missionary history of every land and denomination proves that an abiding ministry must be of the people as well as to them—not only for them, but from them.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That the beneficiary apportionment of ten cents per capita upon the members of our church as heretofore levied, be here and now heartily endorsed and perpetuated in case that we secure a man to educate.

2. That the beneficiary funds now in the hands of the committee be at once, at the direction or by the advice of Synod, applied to the work.

3. That at least once during the Synodical year, every pastor of every church, bespeaking the divine guidance and impressed with the interests of the need, shall preach upon the call to the ministry.

Respectfully submitted, V. G. A. TRESSLER.

On motion, the report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. On motion, this item was stricken out.

The report still pending, a motion was made to adjourn till 1:30 p. m., and carried.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Synod convened with prayer by Rev. O. C. Miller.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Beneficiary Education, which was pending when Synod adjourned in the morning, was taken up for further consideration.

Item 2. Authorized to be given to Rev. Wm. Brandes, pastor at Napa.

Item 3. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Apportionment.

Mr. G. G. Burnett offered the report of the Apportionment Committee, as follows:

Your Apportionment Committee have taken the sum apportioned by the General Synod of our Church of the U. S., viz.: 96⅛ cents per member, and have divided it as per the enrolled membership of all the churches within our State Synod, viz.: 11, and in accordance with the number of members as reported to this Synod, viz., 1111; and furnish you herewith a tabulated statement of the respective sums due this Synod by our individual churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted, G. G. BURNETT,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

Adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Historian's Report.

The Synodical Historian presented the following report:

During the year several changes in our pulpits have been made. Rev. J. S. Simon left the pastorate of the First church of San Francisco and was succeeded by Rev. O. H. Gruver, who was installed on the 8th of December. Rev. M. H. Stine resigned the First church of Los Angeles, and was succeeded by Rev. J. W. Ball.

Revs. W. Brandes, of Napa, A. Jatho, of Oakland, L. C. Routzahn, of Arroyo Grande, were received into membership of Synod.

The corner-stones of Grace English Lutheran church, of San José, and First English Lutheran church, of Oakland, were laid during the year.

Grace English Lutheran church, of San José, was dedicated, and its pastor, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, was installed on the 15th of December.

The beautiful Oakland church was formally opened in December.

The general progress of the work is very commendable.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART.

Adopted.

Parochial Reports.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on Parochial Reports, offered the following:

Your Committee on Parochial Reports respectfully submit the following recommendations in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the 37th General Synod, as noted on pages 81–84:

1. That a department composed of three columns for Young People's Societies be inserted, entitled respectively, "Number of Members," including "Juniors," "Contributions for Local Objects" and "Contributions for Benevolence."

2. That the column now designated "Union" in the Sunday-school table be stricken out if it be found necessary to do so.

3. That in the parochial blank the column entitled "Excommunication," be stricken out, and the title of the column be "All other losses."

To secure the necessary information to fill the blank in regard to Young People's Societies, we recommend that the roll be called, and that the Secretary record the answers.

The following is the tabulated report of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. BUSHNELL,
FRED. MECKFESSEL.

Adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Treasurer's Report.

Mr. John Everding offered the following financial statement: (See Appendix B.)

On motion, this report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Advisory Board of Home Missions.

The following report was presented through the Chairman:

It is with pleasure we submit the sixth annual report of this very important work in our Synod.

This is emphatically a Missionary Synod. Our communicant membership has grown from 600 to 1,111; our Sunday-schools from 652 to 1,532; the value of church property from $98,000.00 to $174,700.00, and our benevolent contributions from $670.53 to $1,811.06. We cannot but say, thanks be unto our God who giveth us the victory.

The Board of Home Missions has nobly aided us in our most difficult work, and we hereby acknowledge with sincere gratitude its timely assistance, as also the very great interest which the Woman's Board has shown in this important field.

1. Realizing the great need of the field, we would recommend the continuation of the support asked by our different missions.

2. To strengthen the things that remain, we urge the occupying during the coming year of the promising fields that appear before us. Again we urge the examination of the rapidly growing city of Stockton, with a view to its occupancy.

The rapidly growing city of Los Angeles should have a second church.

The colony at Corning has a good number of Lutheran families who want a shepherd. We hope it will be possible for the General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions to spend a day of search at each of these places.

3. We greatly appreciate the wisdom and kindness of the Home Mission Board in sending to us at this time the General Secretary, Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., who has so wonderfully cheered us, and we send back to the Board through him our kindly thanks and great devotion.

4. We most earnestly pray that the Woman's Board do not lose their faith in California and divert their funds to other sections of our country, earnestly urging that they continue to concentrate on this, their rightful field.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART.

On motion, the report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted by rising vote.

Item 4. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Invitation to Visit the State Normal School.

A letter of invitation from Principal C. W. Childs was read, and a vote of thanks from Synod extended for the kind invitation.

Auditing Committee.

The committee reported as follows:

Your Committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct as per his report.

WILLIAM MOLLER,
GEO. GIFFORD, JR.

Advisory Board of Church Extension.

The Chairman presented the report, as follows:

This Synod feels itself under lasting obligations to the Board of Church Extension for sending to us the Field Secretary, Rev. H. L. Yarger. His presence has been an inspiration to us, and we cordially convey our greetings through him to his Board, and assure it of our continued interest and unswerving support.

We would recommend that the incoming Advisory Board look into the field at Napa, and see what can be done toward the purchasing of the Reformed Salem church, in which our congregation at present worships.

We rejoice in the continued interest of the Woman's Board in this important field, and trust they will continue to give their untiring attention to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. MAGGART,
O. H. GRUVER,
J. W. BALL.

Adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D., it was resolved to elect delegates to the next General Synod to convene in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1897, at this session of Synod.

Excess and Deficit.

The Committee on Excess and Deficit offered their report. (See Appendix A.)

Adopted.

Systematic Beneficence.

The following report was presented:

The necessity of systematic giving toward the benevolent operations of the church is beyond question; and that our pastors may be able to secure for the different Boards of the Church the amounts needed to carry on their work, we would recommend:

1. That our churches and Sunday-schools observe the days set apart by the General Synod for the special work of the Boards.

2. That, if the brethren have any difficulty in raising the apportionment, they use regularly at their communion seasons envelopes printed for that special work, and that they be fully distributed among all the members of their congregations, with a letter of explanation, if necessary, asking that each member contribute at the least the apportionment made by the General Synod.

3. That, if thought best, the Synod furnish these envelopes to all congregations asking for them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL,
G. G. BURNETT,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

Adopted.

Resolutions.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., offered the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we have been gratified at having with us at this meeting of Synod our veteran Foreign Missionary, Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., and that we are thankful to God for his long and valued services to our Church.

2. *Resolved*, That it has given us much pleasure to have with us for cheer and advice our "Traveling Home Missionaries," Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Burnett, and that we re-affirm the resolutions passed at the last meeting of our Synod, expressing our gratitude and appreciation for the labor of love of these Christian workers.

Adopted.

On invitation, Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, addressed the Synod.

Resolutions and Temperance.

Rev. C. W. Maggart offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby given to the pastor and congregation of Grace English Lutheran Church, for their cordial reception and entertainment of Synod.

Resolved, That we return thanks to the San José papers for their full and able reports of the proceedings of this Convention.

Resolved, That we appreciate the kindness shown to our members and visiting brethren in the special privileges granted by the Southern Pacific and other railroad companies.

Resolved, That we invite the German pastors of the churches not in connection with this Synod, to seek to have their churches adopt the Constitution of our Synod.

Resolved, That in view of the lax condition of temperance sentiment in this fair State, we express our appreciation of every effort put forth to create a sentiment that shall be utilized in the providence of God to sweep the monster demon, Alcoholism, from our delightsome land.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. MAGGART.

Adopted.

Time and Place of Next Convention.

Mr. Wm. Moller extended a hearty invitation to Synod to meet next year in Oakland.

The invitation was accepted by the unanimous vote of Synod.

The time is Wednesday, April 28th, 1897.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, on motion, the time was extended indefinitely.

Absentees and Excuses.

The committee reported the following:

Your Committee on Absentees and Excuses recommend that Revs. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., M. W. Hamma, D. D., A. C. Wedekind, D. D., Wm. Uhl, L. C. Routzahn, and Messrs. Theo. Jatho and Henry Seebold, be excused from attendance at this session of Synod.

J. S. MOSER,
C. HANSEN.

Adopted.

Devotional Services.

The following was presented:

Your Devotional Committee reports as follows:
Services on Sunday, April 19th:

Sunday-school, 9:45 a. m.; addresses by members of Synod. Preaching service at 11 a. m., and sermon by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.

Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Words of cheer by pastor and delegates. Ordination service of Rev. J. W. Ball at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Your committee recommend that as many pastors and delegates as possible attend these services.

Sunday, 11:00 a. m., Rev. C. F. Oehler will preach in the German Methodist church and Rev. J. W. Ball in the United Presbyterian church.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. F. OEHLER,
V. G. A. TRESSLER.

Adopted.

On motion, the Synod proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Synod.

The President appointed Messrs. Geo. Gifford, Jr., Christian Hansen, and the Secretary, as tellers.

The result of the election was reported thus:

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

Primarii: Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., Washington, D. C., Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, San José.

Secundi: Rev. C. F. Oehler, Sacramento; Rev. C. W. Maggart, San Diego.

LAY DELEGATES.

Primarii: Mr. G. G. Burnett, San Francisco; Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell, Los Angeles.

Secundi: Dr. P. S. Leisenring, San Diego; Mr. Wm. Moller, Oakland.

Sunday-Schools and Young People's Societies.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., offered the following report:

Appreciating the vital importance of our Sunday-schools and the work of our Young People's Societies, we desire to place upon record our unqualified endorsement of these important lines of church enterprise. We recognize that the Sunday-school is, like the prayer-meeting, a spiritual pulse of the whole body.

We also notice with pleasure that the National Convention of Lutheran Young People at Pittsburg has marked a new era in the prosperity of our churches all over the land.

J. E. BUSHNELL,
O. H. GRUVER.

Adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 600 copies of these minutes printed by our Lutheran Publication Society.

On motion, the minutes of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of California will be given place with these minutes, and a page containing the latest statistics of the Lutheran church of the world be added.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay $5.00 to Grace Lutheran church for expenses incurred.

On motion, Synod adjourned with prayer, to meet in Ministerium.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9:45 P. M.

After the evening service Synod was called to order by the President, and Rev. J. W. Ball led in prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Wm. Brandes thanked the Synod for the money voted him in the afternoon session.

Standing Committees were appointed for the coming year. (See page 4 of minutes.)

On motion, it was resolved to replace the name of Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth on the roll of synod, in case he returns his letter of membership.

Synod adjourned with prayer by the President, followed by the Lord's Prayer, to meet on the 28th of April, 1897, in the First English Evangelical Lutheran church, Oakland, California, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., pastor.

The following persons were voted honorary members of the sixth convention of the Synod of California:

Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., Baltimore, Md.
Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., Guntur, India.
Rev. H. L. Yarger, Atchison, Kans.
Rev. O. C. Miller, San Francisco, Cal.
Rev. A. M. L. Herenius, San José, Cal.

Rev. O. Wilcke, San José, Cal.
Rev. J. C. Lynn, San José, Cal.
Rev. L. Dalos Mansfield, D. D., San José, Cal.
Mr. Christion Schriber, Oakland, Cal.

The above report of the proceedings of the sixth convention of the Synod of California, I certify is correct to the best of my knowledge.

OSCAR H. GRUVER, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIUM.

San José, Cal., April 17th, 1896, Friday, 5 p. m.

The Ministerium of the Synod of California was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Moser.

Examining Committee.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., Chairman of the Examining Committee, presented the following report:

Rev. J. W. Ball has made application to your Committee for ordination at this meeting of Synod. Several sermons and outlines and his pastoral record were placed in our hands, and he appeared before us in person.

After examination, we recommend him to the Ministerium for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. E. BUSHNELL,
C. W. MAGGART.

Adopted.

The matter of the reception of Rev. Leo Geick into the fellowship of the Synod, which was referred to the Ministerium, was disposed of as follows:

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we extend to Rev. Leo Geick our cordial greeting, and that the Examining Committee meet him at some time during the coming year and take the matter into consideration until the next meeting of Synod, to which they shall report.

The time for the ordination service was set for Sunday evening, April 19th, Rev. C. F. Oehler, of Sacramento, to preach the sermon.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned with prayer by the President.

The above is a correct report of the acts of the Ministerium.

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.			Board of Education.		
	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.
San Francisco	$3 27	.....	.....	$21 80	.....	.....	$53 41	.....	.....	$46 87	.....	.....	$46 87	.....	.....	$20 06	.....	.....
Oakland	37	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	6 12	.....	.....	5 37	.....	.....	5 37	.....	.....	2 30	.....	.....
Sacramento	1 65	$0 03	.....	6 00	.....	$5 50	28 16	.....	$0 02	24 62	.....	.....	24 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	$10 58
San Diego	1 72	10	.....	11 50	.....	.....	28 18	.....	.....	24 72	$0 10	.....	24 72	$0 10	.....	10 58	.....	.....
San José	1 65	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	26 95	.....	.....	23 65	.....	.....	23 65	.....	.....	10 12	$0 88	.....
Los Angeles	2 64	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....	43 12	.....	.....	37 84	.....	.....	37 84	.....	.....	16 19	.....	.....
Sacramento, German	2 63	.....	.....	16 50	.....	1 00	42 88	.....	.....	37 63	.....	.....	37 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 10
Riverside	.....	.....	$0 75	.....	.....	5 00	4 55	.....	7 70	5 50	.....	$5 25	5 50	.....	$5 25	.....	.....	4 60
San Francisco, German	42	.....	.....	2 80	.....	.....	7 55	69	.....	6 02	.....	.....	6 02	.....	.....	2 58	.....	.....
Oakland, German.*																		
Napa and St. Helena.*																		

	Beneficiary Education.			Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Deaconess Board.			Total.		
	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.
San Francisco	.....	.....	$21 80	$10 90	.....	.....	$10 90	.....	.....	$1 74	.....	.....	$215 25	.....	$21 80
Oakland	$2 50	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	27 25		
Sacramento	.....	.....	11 50	.....	.....	$5 75	.....	.....	$5 75	.....	.....	$0 92	91 05	$0 03	34 30
San Diego	.....	.....	11 50	5 75	.....	.....	5 75	.....	.....	92	.....	.....	113 84	30	11 51
San José	11 00	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	88	.....	.....	120 78	80	
Los Angeles	17 60	.....	.....	8 80	.....	.....	8 80	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	191 84		
Sacramento, German	.....	.....	17 50	8 75	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 75	1 40	.....	.....	151 42	.....	38 53
Riverside	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	40	15 55	.....	38 95
San Francisco, German	2 80	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	31 21	69	
Oakland, German.*															
Napa and St. Helena.*															

* Congregation does not belong to Synod.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. F. OEHLER, W. BRANDES.

APPENDIX B.—Treasurer's Report.

JOHN EVERDING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 26, 1895, to April 15, 1896.*

	General Synod	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconesses Board	External Objects	Total Benevolence.
To balance	.....	$51 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	$35 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	$86 55
Oakland	37	2 50	$6 12	$5 37	$5 37	$2 30	2 50	$1 25	$1 25	20	.....	27 23
Sacramento	$1 65	6 00	28 16	41 02	8 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 05
San Diego	1 72	11 50	28 18	24 72	24 72	10 58	.....	5 75	5 75	92	$5 75	119 59
San José	1 65	11 00	26 95	23 65	23 65	11 00	11 00	5 50	5 50	88	.....	120 78
Los Angeles	2 64	17 61	43 12	37 84	37 84	16 19	17 60	8 80	8 80	$1 40	.....	191 84
San Francisco	3 27	21 80	53 41	46 87	46 87	20 06	.....	10 90	10 90	1 74	.....	215 82
Sacramento, German	2 63	16 50	42 88	37 63	37 63	.....	.....	8 75	4 00	1 40	144 00	295 42
Riverside	.....	.....	4 55	5 50	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 55
San Francisco, German	42	2 80	7 55	6 02	6 02	2 58	2 80	1 40	1 40	22	.....	31 21
Rev. M. W. Hamma	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Amount received	$14 35	$151 06	$240 92	$228 62	$195 82	$62 71	$69 10	$42 35	$37 60	$6 76	$150 75	$1199 04
Amount remitted	14 35	.....	240 92	228 62	195 82	62 71	48 50	42 35	37 60	6 76	150 75	1027 38
Difference	.....	$151 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	$20 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	$171 66

By Lutheran Publication Society for Minutes	$77 69
By Secretary, 1 book	2 50
By Mrs. Gillen for copying minutes	5 00
By Treasurer's expenses	4 46
Total expenses	$89 65

Synodical Treasury and Beneficiary Education	$171 66
Total expenditures	89 65
Cash on hand May 5, 1896	$82 01

Respectfully submitted,

J. EVERDING, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX C.—Apportionment for 1896–1897.

	Number of Members..	General Synod	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions	Church Extension....	Board of Education ..	Home for the Aged ..	Pastors' Fund	Deaconesses Board...	Synodical Expenses ..	Total .....
Rate.....	....	.01½	.25⅞	.20⅛	.20⅛	.10	.05	.10	.03½	.10	$1 06⅛
Napa, Rev. Brandes.....	45	$0 67	$11 65	$9 06	$9 06	$4 50	$2 25	$4 50	$1 57	$4 50	47 76
Oakland, Rev. Jatho	27	40	6 99	5 64	5 64	2 70	1 35	2 70	94	2 70	28 85
Oakland, Rev. Bushnell	84	1 26	21 74	16 90	16 90	8 40	4 20	8 40	2 94	8 40	89 14
Riverside, Rev. Moser.....	44	66	11 38	8 85	8 85	4 40	2 20	4 40	1 54	4 40	46 69
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson.....	122	1 83	31 57	24 55	24 55	12 20	6 10	12 20	4 27	12 20	129 47
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	175	2 63	45 29	35 22	35 22	17 50	8 75	17 50	6 12	17 50	185 72
San Francisco, Rev. Gruver	143	2 14	37 00	28 78	28 78	14 30	7 15	14 30	5 00	14 30	151 76
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke.....	31	46	8 03	6 24	6 24	3 10	1 55	3 10	1 08	3 10	32 90
San Diego, Rev. Maggart	125	1 87	32 35	25 16	25 16	12 50	6 25	12 50	4 37	12 50	132 65
San José, Rev. Tressler	125	1 87	32 35	25 16	25 16	12 50	6 25	12 50	4 37	12 50	132 65
Los Angeles, Rev. Ball	190	2 85	49 66	38 24	38 24	19 00	9 50	19 00	6 65	19 00	201 64
Total	1111	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	$1179 03

Respectfully submitted, G. G. BURNETT, WM. BOSBYSHELL.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors, Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	All Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
O. H. Gruver, 1502 Laguna St., San Francisco	1st Eng. Ev. Luth	1	..	2	..	17	1	....	90	3	1	14	2	..	143	$55000 00	$9000 00	$3200 00	1
J. W. Ball, 718 W. 8th St., Los Angeles	1st Eng. Ev. Luth	1	1	2	..	12	1	6	12	17	3	8	21	1	190	25000 00	6767 90	2571 00	2
C. W. Maggart, 1354 Second St., San Diego	1st Lutheran	1	..	2	..	15	..	13	1	12	..	5	11	8	125	15000 00	4800 00	1165 20	3
W. S. Hoskinson, 1309 O St., Sacramento	1st Eng. Ev. Luth	1	1	1	..	17	..	12	5	11	1	11	3	10	122	14000 00	2000 00	1069 85	4
John E. Bushnell, cor. Grove and 16th St., Oakland	1st Eng. Ev. Luth	1	..	1	..	16	..	....	....	12	2	10	1	57	84	22000 00	7300 00	6905 57	5
V. G. A. Tressler, 55 E. Julian St., San José	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	12	..	8	10	15	3	7	12	11	125	15000 00	3500 00	5650 00	6
J. S. Moser, 187 Locust St., Riverside	Trinity Eng. Luth.	1	..	..	..	8	5	15	....	4	1	....	9	..	44	.....	20 00	290 00	7
Chas. F. Oehler, 1207 K St., Sacramento	German Lutheran	1	1	1	..	29	4	..	18	35	...	22	...	..	175	20000 00	500 00	3405 20	8
Wm. Brandes, Napa	Ev. Luth., Napa; Ev. Luth., St. Helena	1	1	..	..	...	.	....	....	9	....	7	....	..	45	200 00	.....	500 00	9
Hermann Gehrcke, 546 Turk St., San Francisco	St. Matthew's G. Luth	1	..	..	..	...	1	3	....	17	2	10	6	..	31	.....	.....	1161 50	10
Adolf Jatho, Oakland	St. Mark's Ger. Luth.	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	...	17		....	1	1	27	8500 00	5000 00	1210 70	11
Totals for 1896		11	4	11	..	131	12	58	136	154	13	91	66	88	1111	$174700 00	38887 90	$27211 57	12
Totals for 1895		9	2	11	..	107	12	24	142	129	10	82	41	51	1022	175500 00	33209 00	16242 44	13
Increase		2	2	..	..	24	..	34	....	25	3	12	25	37	89	.....	$5678 00	$10969 13	14
Decrease		..	..	..	..	....	.	....	6	....	....		....	..	....	$800 00	.....	.....	15

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.					BENEVOLENCE.													
	Lutheran.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconesses Board.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	20	160	$171 00	$69 05	$3 27	$21 80	$53 41	$46 87	$46 87	$20 06	.....	$42 10	$10 90	$10 90	$1 74	.....	$257 92	$3457 92
2	2	25	217	138 39	32 65	2 64	17 00	43 12	37 84	37 84	16 19	$17 60	60 93	8 80	8 80	1 40	8 55	261 32	2832 32
3	1	15	170	128 50	47 27	1 72	11 50	28 18	24 72	24 72	10 58	.....	112 00	5 75	5 75	92	25 75	251 59	1416 79
4	1	12	210	112 20	.....	1 65	6 00	28 16	24 62	24 62	.....	.....	26 77	.....	.....	.....	77 00	188 82	1257 75
5	1	8	90	45 50	20 00	37	2 50	6 12	5 37	5 37	2 30	2 50	109 00	1 25	1 25	20	.....	27 25	6932 82
6	1	15	130	116 50	40 0	1 65	11 00	26 95	23 65	23 65	11 00	11 00	20 00	5 50	5 50	88	10 00	130 70	5780 70
7	1	8	40	11 00	4 50	.....	.....	4 55	5 50	5 50	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00	329 00
8	1	15	175	378 96	70 00	2 63	16 50	42 88	37 63	37 63	*185 00	.....	225 80	8 75	4 00	1 40	.....	562 22	3967 42
9	2	8	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	1	3	56	120 35	62 40	42	2 80	7 55	6 02	6 02	2 58	2 80	18 00	1 40	1 40	22	.....	49 21	1393 20
11	1	8	75	82 15	198 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2491 80
12	12	137	1395	$1297 15	$544 22	$14 35	$9 10	$210 88	$212 22	$212 22	$247 41	$33 90	$623 86	$42 35	$37 60	$6 76	$121 30	$1810 06	$28859 22
13	9	118	1155	946 53	349 89	13 76	84 97	211 21	192 66	174 08	174 60	35 20	407 11	39 20	25 70	3 88	184 45	1479 74	17718 80
14	3	19	240	$350 62	$ 94 35	$0 59	$4 13	$29 67	$19 56	$38 14	$72 81	.....	$216 09	$3 15	$11 90	$2 88	$36 85	$330 32	$11140 42
15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* German Seminary.

Submitted, J. E. BUSHNELL, FRED. MECKFESSEL.

STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Lutherans in all Lands.

EUROPE.	Ministers	Churches	Baptized Members
Germany	15,550	20,450	28,369,000
Denmark	1,739	1,907	1,769,582
Sweden	2,418	2,408	4,677,176
Norway	869	960	1,795,814
Iceland	180	300	70,000
Faroe Islands	22	22	11,221
Finland, Russia	800	1,002	2,176,421
Poland, Russia	72	104	300,000
Remaining Russia	520	1,132	2,551,403
Austria	183	523	292,866
Hungary	718	1,162	1,130,150
France	124	95	80,655
Netherlands	67	58	73,696
Great Britain	26	48	30,000
Italy	12	13	9,000
Roumania	11	11	6,776
Servia	1	1	800
Bulgaria	1	1	120
Switzerland	8	9	11,095
Heligoland	1	1	1,913
Total in Europe	23,322	30,207	43,357,688
ASIA.			
Palestine	15	9	700
Hindoostan	134	86	67,926
China	26	18	4,679
Asiatic Russia	18	19	12,000
On Black Sea	5	5	3,716
Orient	7	7	1,948
Total in Asia	205	144	90,969
AFRICA			
North Africa, Egypt	2	2	870
North Africa, Algeria	10	23	5,000
West Africa	40	20	9,264
South Africa	209	158	58,893
South Africa, Colonists	24	29	22,170
East Africa	10	4	140
Central Africa	11	2	100
Madagascar	42	404	40,000
Total in Africa	348	642	136,437
OCEANICA.			
Australia, Colonists	76	252	100,000
Australia, Foreign Missions	10	7	281
New Zealand	14	14	10,643
Hawaiian Islands	1	4	1,000
Borneo	9	6	1,063
Sumatra	17	15	12,350
New Guinea	5	4	130
Feejee Islands	1	1	100
Samoa Islands	1	1	127
Total in Oceanica	134	304	125,694
NORTH AMERICA.			
United States and Canada	4,830	8,601	6,600,000
Greenland	15	12	10 000
West Indies	3	4	1,500
Total in North America	4,848	8,617	6,611,500
SOUTH AMERICA.			
Argentine Republic	2	5	6,000
Brazil	40	54	85,000
British Guiana	1	5	500
Chili	3	6	4,000
Paraguay	0	0	350
Uruguay	1	1	1,400
Venezuela	1	1	1,000
Total in South America	48	72	98,250
SUMMARY.			
Europe	23,322	30,207	43,357,688
Asia	205	144	90,969
Africa	348	642	136,437
Oceanica	134	304	125,694
North America	4,848	8,617	6,611,500
South America	48	72	98,250
Jewish Missions	20	23	.....
Total in World	28,925	40,009	50,420,538

Lutherans in all Languages.

The Lutheran is a church of many guages. The latest statistics show of her baptized membership through the world 32,000,000 speak German, 5,5 000 Swedish, 2,500,000 Norwegian, 2,5 000 Danish, 2,048,000 Finnish, 1,250 English, 1,113,000 Hungarian, 624 Livonian, 480,000 Courlandish, 272 Esthonian, 80,000 French, 70,000 landic, 48,000 Bohemian, and that every other civilized tongue she is represented. The Lutheran Chu though taking its origin in Germa knows no fatherland or mother ton She is at home everywhere.

Lutherans in the United States.

In the United States, the Luthe Church is doing Christian work in tw different languages, and has 4,830 mi ters, 8,601 churches, and 1,111,683 c municant members, twenty-four t logical seminaries, twenty-five colle forty-eight seminaries and academ fifty-seven orphan homes and hospit and 144 church papers, of which fo nine are English, fifty-four German, enteen Swedish, fourteen Norweg four Danish, three Finnish, one landic, and two French.

26 Lutheran Foreign Missionary Soci report as follows:

Stations, 357; foreign workers, 468 dained and 260 lay; native workers, ordained and 3,246 lay; female work 173; baptized members, 188,020; scho 1,437; scholars, 66,742; native contr tions, $25,253.08; income, $881,839 fields of work—Africa, India, Sandw Islands, China, Abyssinia, Polyne Greenland, South America.

Growth of English Lutherans.

The General Synod, the pioneer strength of English Lutheranism, had a rapid growth, as will be seen f the following figures, although less t half of the members remained in her nection in 1867 after the unfortunat vision:—

Year.	Ministers.	Churches.	Commu Me
1821	113	350	
1864	955	1825	1
1867	579	944	
1868	572	956	
1891	1002	1450	1
1894	1127	1505	1
1895	1137	1538	1

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

W. H. & F. M. Synodical Society

OF

CALIFORNIA,

CONVENED IN

SAN JOSÉ, CAL., April 16, 1896.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the California Synod opened at 9:30 o'clock a. m., April 16, 1896, in Grace English Lutheran Church, San José, with devotional exercises. "Privileges and Blessings of Service" conducted by Mrs. J. Everding, San Francisco, as follows: Hymn, "Blessed Assurance." Prayer by Mrs. Zabriski. Reading of Romans, chap. xii. Short prayers by number of delegates.

Cordial greeting was extended to members of the Convention by Mrs. Sampson, San José.

Appropriate response by Miss Minnie Love, San Francisco.

Credentials of following delegates received and enrolled:

Sacramento—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson (English church).
Mrs. Meckfessel, Miss Kate Stuber (German church).

San Diego—Mrs. C. W. Maggart.

San Francisco—Mrs. J. Everding, Miss Minnie Love, (English church).
Miss Faulke (German church).

Oakland—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.
Mrs. J. E. Bushnell.
Mrs. Wm. Moller.
San José—Mrs. Lydia Dennis.
Mrs. L. E. Zabriski.
Mrs. H. F. Rowlings.
Mrs. Tressler-Campbell.
Los Angeles—Miss Rose E. Hickethier.

President's Address.

My Dear Co-Workers: In the name of the Master whom we serve, I greet you. Like the disciples of old we are "with one accord in one place" to-day. The impelling, unseen motive, which prompts this gathering of busy women, is the same in each heart. It may be accounted for in the words of St. Paul, —"For the love of Christ constraineth us." This is the cord that draws us together in convention, and that keeps us steadfast to our common work during the year while we are separated one from the other.

We are here to lay down the trust that has been committed to our care, and perhaps to assume new responsibilities. Let us render our reports of the past year's work as "unto the Lord," and may each one of us hear the Divine approval—"She hath done what she could."

Two valued workers have removed to other fields of labor. While we miss their strength here, we pray God's richest blessings on their efforts elsewhere.

ORGANIZATION.

One new society has been added to our roll during the past year, making our number nine. On the 26th of September last, your President, in company with four other members of the Executive Committee and the pastor of the Oakland church, met the pastor and ladies of St. Matthew's congregation, San Francisco, in the auditorium of their church. After singing "Ein Feste Burg" and prayer by Rev. Gehrcke, your President stated the object and urged the importance and need of the W. H. & F. M. Society. Others followed with words of encouragement and cheer. The Synodical President then appointed Mrs. Myers chairman *pro tem.* Twenty persons signified their willingness to become members of the new society. The auxiliary constitution, read by Mrs. Lothammer, was adopted. Permanent officers were elected. After remarks by Mrs. Everding, Mrs. Simon and others upon the importance of our literature, the new President appointed a committee to secure new members to the society and subscribers to the *Missionary Journal.* Many earnest prayers were then offered, asking God's blessing upon the new organization. The benediction pronounced by Rev. J. E. Bushnell closed this memorable and impressive service. Most encouraging reports have come to us of this youngest child of our Synodical Society, and we predict for it a future filled with usefulness and good works for the Master.

SPECIAL APPEALS.

1. At the request of Mrs. Hunter, President of our General Society, your President, last summer, issued a letter to each one of our auxiliary societies in behalf of our mission at Council Bluffs. One society had previously sent its apportionment to this object. Since then four others have responded leaving three of the auxiliaries, then in existence, to be heard from.

2. The other object designated by our General Executive Committee for special contributions was Ann Arbor. I see by the March *Missionary Journal* that only 107 of 733 societies, had up to that date given heed to this appeal. Three of these are of our own synodical society. Nearly $4,000 yet remains to be raised. Let each auxiliary, that has not come up to the aid of Ann Arbor, see what it can do in the first quarter of the new synodical year.

We know that the stringency of the times and the needs of our own churches, most of them missions, make work for others somewhat difficult. But "freely ye have received, freely give." A little more attention and thought to these matters, and I think we find it not so hard, after all, to lend a helping hand to others while we climb the rugged steep ourselves.

THE THANK OFFERING.

Much attention was given to this subject at our last General Convention. I would call your attention to the resolution which makes it our duty to set apart a stated time for this offering. I would also suggest that, inasmuch as the attention of people generally is directed to the enumeration of their blessings at the Thanksgiving season, and they are thereby disposed to give substantial expression to their gratitude, that we set apart the Sunday evening previous to Thanksgiving Day for a public missionary service, at which we shall bring in our annual thank-offering. And inasmuch as the General Executive Committee best understands the needs of all fields, I suggest that our thank-offering be applied to the general fund or to some special object designated by the General Executive Committee.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

This is a trite topic. Every President's address mentions it. We cannot hope to say anything new to you. But on the principle of the "continual dropping that wears the stone," so we must perpetually agitate this subject if we would make any impression on people not yet awake to their privileges. It was said of old, "How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" And I put the question to you in a little different form, "How can we believe, not only in Him, but in any object or cause of which we have no knowledge? As well might we ask the blind to enjoy the beautiful landscape which he does not see, or the deaf to be entertained by the sweet strains of music which he cannot hear, as to ask faith and interest in mission work when the mental eye and ear have never have been opened to the knowledge of what missionary effort has accomplished in the world. Therefore, we plead with you, read our missionary literature. It will broaden your education.

A very eminent man says: "To study missionary literature is to study the ethnology of the globe, its geography, social forms, superstitions, philosophies, civilizations, and religions." We cannot afford to neglect that which is of so much advantage to us.

We would urge auxiliary presidents to be informed in the work of our own church especially. See that your Society is supplied with minutes of the General Convention, and also of your own Synodical Society. Bring these minutes into your meetings and impress upon your members what has been done at these conventions. Let as many as possible subscribe for *Mission Studies* and the *Missionary Journal.* Many of our woman's societies are using the *Children's Missionary* with profit. It should be in every Sunday-school and Children's Band.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. We cannot too often urge the importance of loyalty to the General Executive Committee. In unquestioning obedience and allegiance to our head there is strength. Let us be prompt to respond to all its appeals.

2. In accordance with a request from the last General Convention, I recommend that a member of this Society be appointed as Synodical reporter, to gather up items of interest relating to our own Synodical work, for publication in the *Missionary Journal.*

3. I would call attention to Section 2d of Article X. of the Synodical Constitution, adopted at the Biennial Convention. It reads: "Any Society of Young People connected with the Lutheran church, may become auxiliary to this Society by electing a Missionary Secretary, who shall send quarterly or annual reports to the Synodical Secretary. By devoting one meeting a month to the subject of missions, and by paying per member a regular sum monthly or annually, which shall be remitted quarterly to the Synodical Treasurer, to be paid into the General Fund, for the support of our missionaries. Special objects recommended by the Executive Committee shall be provided for otherwise." Thus, our Luther Leagues and Endeavor Societies may become auxiliaries to us, and have a part in practical Christianity. This may not be feasible in all mission churches, but it is certainly worthy of the attention of Young People's Societies in all self-sustaining churches.

4. Let the auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers be explicit in making out their reports and prompt in remitting the same to the Synodical Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. A report may be "better late than never," but much annoyance is saved by being on time.

5. Remember Woman's Day—the second Lord's Day in March.

6. The General Literature Committee has revised and enlarged the old Gospel Services, adding many hymns. It is now issued under the title of Missionary Services and Hymnal. We recommend it to all who have not the old Gospel Services, and to such as are able to buy new.

CONCLUSION.

Our record for another year will soon be closed. As we look over its pages,

we see imperfections. Our hopes have not all been realized. Perhaps it is well to have our standard so high that we shall never attain unto it. But let us close the lid of the old volume and open that of the new with a prayer to God for strength to fill its fair pages, so full of opportunities and possibilities, with just what He would have there.

"Show me Thy ways, Oh Lord; teach me Thy paths."

MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON.

The President, Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, then declared that the convention was formally organized, and in a few appropriate remarks voiced the pleasure of the convention at being permitted to meet in the new and beautiful Grace Lutheran church of San José.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

List of Committees.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Meckfessel, Miss Faulke.

Letters, Papers and Reports—Mrs. Everding, Mrs. Zabriski, Mrs. Bushnell.

Resolutions—Mrs. Moller, Miss Hickethier, Miss Stuber.

President's Address—Mrs. Maggart, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Sampson.

Reporters—To Daily Papers, Miss Hickethier. *Observer*, *World* and *Evangelist*, Mrs. Myers. *Missionary Journal*, Mrs. Moller.

In the absence of Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Lothhammer, the report was read by Miss Stuber. The same was accepted. (See page 36.)

Mrs. Tressler Campbell read Treasurer's report, and it was accepted. (See page 37.)

The Historian's report was read by the Historian, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers. (See page 38.)

Report of the Synodical Secretary of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the California Synod of the Lutheran Church, for the Year Ending March 31st, 1896.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Name and Address of Corresponding Secretary.	Membership. Total	Active	Honorary	Life	Journals	Children's Missionary	Total Amount Sent to Synodical Treasurer.	No. of Boxes	Value of Boxes.	Synodical Fee
San Francisco	Dec. 3, 1891	Miss Kate Cantrell, 1216 Larkin St.	43	23	20	..	5	....	$29 40			
Los Angeles	March, 1889	Miss Rose Hickethier, P. O. 467	28	28	..	..	10	....	19 90	..	..	$6 45
English, Sacramento	Nov., 1892	Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, 1309 O St.	26	24	2	..	10	....	24 60	..	..	1 30
German, Sacramento	June 29, 1892	Mrs. A. Lothhammer, 1527 P St.	44	41	3	..	23	....	77 75	..	..	2 05
San José	Feb. 22, 1892	Mrs. Lilly Tressler Campbell, 111 Colfax St.	16	15	1	..	13	36	3 00			
Riverside	May 18, 1894	Mrs. E. J. Knoll, 177 East 10th St.	13	12	1	..	..	....	25 80			
Oakland	June 22, 1891	Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, 1303, corner 16th and Market Sts.	44	34	9	1	9	....	7 20	..	..	45
German, San Francisco.	Sept. 26, 1895	Miss Bertha Kuener, 730 Gough St.	37	29	8	..	..	....	18 00			
Young People's Society.												
San Diego	April 12, 1889	Mrs. C. W. Maggart	25	14	11	..	10	100	30 55	..	..	70
Totals			276	220	55	1	80	136	$236 20	1	..	$10 95

Treasurer's Report of the W. H. & F. M. Society of California Synod for the Year Ending April, 1896.

	First Quarter.					Second Quarter.				
	General Fund...	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Delegate General Convention....	Total....	General Convention....	Council Bluffs..	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total....
1. First church, Los Angeles, Mrs. W. F. Demarest, Treas.	$3 50	.....	.....	$5 00	$8 50	$3 00	.....	.....	.....	$3 00
2. First church, Oakland, Mrs. J. C. Walling, Treas.						2 40	$1 75	.....	.....	4 15
3. Mission at Riverside, Mrs. J. B Conrad, Treas.	3 60	.....	.....	.....	3 60	4 70	4 50	.....	.....	9 20
4. First church, San Francisco, Mrs. J. D. McMurray, Treas.	.....	$6 50	.....	.....	6 50					
5. St. Matthew's Ger. Ch., San Francisco, Miss M. A. Folcke, Treas.						4 40	.....	.....	.....	4 40
6. First church, Sacramento, Mrs. Irene E. Canon, Treas	4 70	.....	.....	.....	4 70	.....	5 00	$8 20	$5 00	18 20
7. Sacramento, German, Miss C. Stuber, Treas.	.....	8 00	$5 50	5 00	18 50	1 00				1 00
8. Grace church, San José, Mrs. Susie Wenzel	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	2 75	.....	.....	3 75
9. Young People's Memorial, San Diego, Miss Kate Summers, Treas.	4 00	.....	.....	5 00	9 00					
	Grand total for quarter				$51 80	Grand total for quarter				$43 70

	Third Quarter.							Fourth Quarter.						
	General Fund..	Council Bluffs..	Thank Offering.	Ann Arbor..	Home Missions.	Church Extension	Total ...	General Fund..	Ann Arbor..	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Synodical Fee....	Synodical Fund..	Total....
1. First church, Los Angeles, Mrs. W. F. Demarest, Treas.	$3 00	$3 50	$2 40	....	.....	.....	$8 90	$3 00	.....	.....	....	$1 45	$5 00	$9 45
2. First church, Oakland, Mrs. J. C. Walling, Treas.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 10	3 15	.....	.....	....	1 25	.....	4 40
3. Mission at Riverside, Mrs. J. B. Conrad, Treas.	4 70	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	6 45	2 20	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	2 20
4. First church, San Francisco, Mrs. J. D. McMurray, Treas.	.....	.....	.....	.....	$8 10	.....	8 10	... .	.....	$12 00	....	1 30	5 00	18 30
5. St. Matthew's Ger. Ch., San Francisco, Miss M. A. Folcke, Treas.	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	10 00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	10 00
6. First church, Sacramento, Mrs. Irene E. Canon, Treas.	4 40	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	11 40	4 10	.....	.....	....	1 30	.....	5 40
7. Sacramento German, Miss C. Stuber, Treas.	8 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	$4 60	20 60	15 30	$5 00	.....	....	2 05	.....	22 35
8. Grace church, San José, Mrs. Susie Wenzel	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	....	1 00		2 00
9. Young People's Memorial, San Diego, Miss Kate Summers, Treas.	.....	.....	4 80	.....	.....	.....	4 80	10 00	3 00	.....	....	70	.....	13 70
	Grand total for quarter						$76 35	Grand total for quarter						$87 80

Collection, $5.45. Total money received during the year $265 10

Expenses: Printing $5.50, Literature $3.25, President's traveling expenses $4.00, Sent to Gen. Treas. $225.60, Delegate to Gen. Convention $15.00, Total money disbursed during year 253 35

In Treasury $11 75

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LILLY TRESSLER CAMPBELL, *Treas.*

Historian's Report.

SAN FRANCISCO AUXILIARY.

The President, Mrs. E. C. Rowell, is serving this Society for the third term. She is most faithful and active in her efforts to make it a success. Owing to various causes, such as removals and the changes taking place in the church and pastors, the membership has somewhat decreased. The number of members at present is 30; *Missionary Journals* taken, 9; *Mission Studies*, 3; church papers, 9; Amount of funds raised for all purposes, $58.70.

AUXILIARY SOCIETY OF ST. MATTHEW'S GERMAN CHURCH.

This Society was organized in September, 1895. The President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, and a member of the Literature Committee of the Synodical Society, being present. Services were held in the church rented by the congregation, and were conducted by Pastor Gehrcke in German. Addresses were made in German and English and 20 members secured to organize with. In March, 1896, this auxiliary numbered 37 members. Two church papers are taken; amount raised for all purposes, $18.00. The Gospel Manual is used for opening the services. The interest is good and membership is increasing.

OAKLAND AUXILIARY.

This Society is rapidly growing in membership and interest. Its President, Mrs. Wm. Moller, has had very many cares in consequence of much illness in her family, yet she is never absent, and takes an active part in the work, which encourages the members greatly. Number of members at present date, 44; *Journals* taken, 7; *Mission Studies*, 1; church papers, 9; amount of funds raised for all purposes, $109.20.

SAN JOSÉ AUXILIARY.

This Society is doing well and the President and members are interested in the work. Number of members, 17; Journals taken, 12; Church papers taken, 40; Amount of funds raised for all purposes, $15.00. Gospel Manuals are used to open the services with.

SACRAMENTO AUXILIARY.

The interest is this Society is well kept up, and a general growth in spirituality is encouraging to note. Number of members, 31, Journals taken, 10; Mission Studies, 7; Church papers taken, 10; Funds raised for all purposes during the year, $26.77.

SACRAMENTO GERMAN LUTHERAN AUXILIARY.

This Society is making excellent progress, the only hindrance being that German tracts are not published in sufficient quantities. The attendance at all the meetings is good. Number of members, 44; Journals taken, 23; Mission Studies, 1; German tracts, 1; Church papers, 18; Amount of funds raised during the year for all purposes, $238.80.

RIVERSIDE AUXILIARY.

Amount of funds, $17.65.

LOS ANGELES FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY.

The interest in this Society is growing—much is being achieved in members taking an active part in meetings; thus the spiritual growth is good. Number of members, 29; Journals taken, 12; Church papers, 25; amount of funds from free-will offerings, $55.93.

SAN DIEGO FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY.

This is the Young People's Society, the only one in our Synodical connection. The President, Miss E. C. Young, understands how to gain the hearts of the youth, and takes an active part in all the plans of her society; she finds ready hearts and hands to second all her proposals for increasing work. The members are always engaged in preparing clothing for the destitute and make this a special feature of their gatherings. The same active interest is continued as in former years. The number of members is 24; Journals taken, $10; Mission Studies, 4; tracts, 3; Children's Missionary paper, 102. Amount of funds contributed for all purposes during the year, $164.00.

Amount of money contributed by all the Auxiliaries up to March 15, 1896, $681.20.

Literature Committee.

The chairman, Miss E. C. Young, in her untiring efforts, has achieved much in this very important line of work in arousing an interest in missionary literature in Auxiliary Societies.

Mrs. Maggart called attention to the literature on table, and urged the ladies to purchase same.

A report of the year's work of each Auxiliary Society was given by the respective delegates, showing that the work was going forward.

Greetings from Riverside were read by Secretary.

A full and very excellent report from Mrs. M. H. Stine, Delegate to General Convention, was read by Secretary.

Secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Miss E. C. Young, Mrs. A. Lothhammer, Mrs. C. F. Oehler and Mrs. Garrett, expressive of appreciatiation of their work, and regretting their inability to be present during the convention.

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was given our President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of Literature Committee, for donation of money expended for these offices.

Resolutions Appreciative of the Work of Dr. and Mrs. Hamma.

The following resolutions, appreciative of the work of Dr. and Mrs. Hamma on Pacific Coast, read by Mrs. Moller, were adopted by Convention and ordered embodied in the Minutes:

Mrs. President: We desire in the following resolutions to express our sentiments of gratitude for the untiring labors of love in behalf of our Mission churches, of Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Hamma. They belong to our Synod and one of our Auxiliaries. They have done much for Oakland, much for all of our churches on this Coast; much in the East, traveling everywhere to present the cause of California to the Synods and Conventions. We appreciate their loving kindness and self-denial in all their work, and we now present to this Convention the following:

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention deeply sympathize with Mrs. A. V. Hamma in her present illness at her home in Washington, and we sincerely hope that she may be speedily restored to health.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our thanks and appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Hamma for their continued kind efforts in behalf of our Synod and missions.

3. *Resolved*, That we sincerely regret that unavoidable circumstances prevent their being present with us at this Convention.

4. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be adopted by a standing vote, and a letter of our sympathy and affection be sent by our Corresponding Secretary to Mrs. Hamma at her home in Washington, D. C.

5. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be incorporated in our Minutes.

MRS. WM. MOLLER,
MRS. S. E. BITTLE-MYERS.

Oakland Auxiliary.

On motion, a bill for printing 200 programmes, amounting to $5.50, was paid.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with devotional services conducted by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

After the reading of the 46th Psalm, hymn, "God is our Refuge," followed by prayer for Home Missions, by Miss Kate Stuber. Hymn, "Rock of Ages," followed by prayer for Foreign Missions, by Mrs. C. W. Maggart.

BUSINESS SESSION.

The roll of delegates was called.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A paper, "Our record for the past year—has it been what it should?" by Miss K. Stuber, Sacramento, was followed by "Our standard for the coming year—its possibilities," by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, San Francisco.

In the absence of Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, Oakland, her paper, "Deaconess work," was read by Mrs. Wm. Moller.

Mrs. Myers and Miss Love were appointed to invite the Synod assembled to meet with the convention in joint session for a short time.

After the singing of hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," Dr. Hartman, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, greeted the convention in behalf of the Board with heartfelt good wishes, speaking earnestly and encouragingly of the work in which we are engaged. Then followed an address on Home Missionary work, by Dr. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco. We were then greeted by a few pleasing remarks from Rev. Tressler, President of California Synod. Rev. Yarger, Field Secretary of Board of Church Extension, brought greeting from this Board. Dr. Unangst, our veteran missionary from India, addressed convention briefly on the great work our lady missionaries were doing in India.

After being favored with a solo by Miss Emma Grunig, short extracts from the report of General Synod and General Convention, and paper upon Emma V. Day Memorial Fund, were read by Mrs. Zabriski, Mrs. Burnett and Miss Stuber.

A letter from Mrs. Wolf, of Guntur, India, was read by Mrs. C. W. Maggart.

Adjournment.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, APRIL 17TH.

Convention opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. C. W. Maggart, San Diego; subject, "Pressing Forward." The leader gave some helpful and beautiful remarks, taking as her Scripture reading Philippians iii.

Paper—"Systematic Giving," Mrs. Zabriski, San José.

Symposium—"The Thank Offering." 1. What is it? 2. When make it? 3. How raise it? 4. Where give it?—led by Mrs. Wm. Moller, Oakland, was exceptionally fine and well read.

BUSINESS SESSION.

Roll call.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A collection was taken amounting to $5.45.

The following reports of Convention Committees were received:

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Auditing Committee report the Treasurer's report correct.

MRS. SUSAN E. B. MYERS,
MISS M. A. FAULKE,
MRS. MECKFESSEL.

Committee on Letters, Papers and Reports.

Your Committee on Papers report—

1. On the Historian's report.
2. Resolutions concerning Dr. and Mrs. Hamma.
3. Corresponding Secretary's report.
4. Treasurer's report.

MRS. L. E. ZABRISKI,
MRS. J. EVERDING.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Your Committee have examined carefully the President's address, and would recommend that it be approved and printed in the minutes. We would call especial attention to the following points:

1. That we rejoice in the progress of the various auxiliaries, and especially he vigorous new Society in the German church of San Francisco.

2. That we seek to be prompt in responding to the appeals for assistance given by the General Society for new churches.

3. That, whenever practicable, we set apart the Sunday evening preceding Thanksgiving Day as a *Thank-offering day.*

4. That we continue to urge upon our ladies the taking and reading of our missionary literature.

5. That Mrs. Wm. Moller be and is hereby appointed a reporter from our Synodical Society to gather and furnish news for the *Missionary Journal.* Again pledging our loyalty to our General and Synodical officers and Executive Committee, we go forward to new duties in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. W. MAGGART,
MRS. LILLY TRESSLER-CAMPBELL,
MRS. SAMPSON.

Resolutions.

1. *Resolved,* That we greatly appreciate the very encouraging and helpful remarks given by Dr. Hartman, Dr. Unangst, Dr. Burnett and Rev. Yarger.

2. *Resolved,* That we appreciate the presence of Mrs. Burnett with us at this Convention, and rejoice that she has become a member of our Society.

3. *Resolved,* That we tender our thanks to Mrs. Burnett for her kind assistance in rendering the music for this Convention.

4. *Resolved,* That the thanks of this Convention be returned to Grace English Lutheran Church for its hospitality; also to all those who have entertained our delegates, and to the press of San José.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. WM. MOLLER,
MISS ROSE E. HICKETHIER,
MISS KATE STUBER.

Mrs. Burnett was enrolled as member of this Convention.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. J. Everding, 2116 Mason st., San Francisco.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Wm. Moller, Oakland.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, Oakland.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. Sampson, San José.

Recording Secretary—Miss M. Love, 918 15th st., San Francisco.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Kate Stuber, Sacramento.

Treasurer—Mrs. Lilly Tressler-Campbell, 111 Colfax st., San José.

The President appointed the following Literature Committee: Mrs. L. E. Zabriski, San José; Mrs. Garrett, Los Angeles; Mrs. Ashley, Sacramento.

Secretary read greeting from Mrs. L. Waas, San Francisco, German church.

Mrs. G. G. Burnett was made our delegate to the General Convention, and Mrs. J. Everding, alternate.

It was

Resolved, That Society purchase remaining literature.

Money collected from purchase of literature during Convention, $8.50.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered retiring officers.

On motion, the expenses of the President amounting to $4.00 were paid.

A hearty invitation from Mrs. Moller to meet in Oakland next year, was accepted.

Convention closed with Consecration Service conducted by the ex-President.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The anniversary service was held in the auditorium of the church, and was presided over by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

Address by Mrs. G. G. Burnett, San Francisco.

"Home Missions," by Mrs. J. Everding, San Francisco.

An earnest address was given by Dr. A. S. Hartman, Secretary of Board of Home Missions.

On account of sickness, Mrs. C. W. Maggart was unable to render her paper on "Two Great Needs."

The choir rendered excellent music.

Services closed with benediction by Dr. Hartman.

ROSE E. HICKETHIER, *Secretary*.

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ALSO,

A SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Number	Places of Meeting.	Date	OFFICERS.		
			President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding.
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding.
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.

Synodical Calendar, 1897-1898.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT.

Rev. CHAS. F. OEHLER,
1207 K St., Sacramento, Cal.

SECRETARY.

Rev. OSCAR H. GRUVER,
708 E. Miner Ave., Stockton, Cal.

TREASURER.

Mr. JOHN EVERDING,
2116 Mason St., San Francisco, Cal.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Sacramento, Cal. (German church.)
Time—April 20th, 1898.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1897-1898.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. C. F. Oehler, Rev. C. W. Maggart,
Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. C. F. Oehler, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.,
Rev. Wm. Brandes.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., Rev. J. W. Ball,
Rev. A. Jatho.

EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.,
Rev. H. Gehrcke.

PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

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OAKLAND, CAL., July 1st to 6th, 1897.

OAKLAND, CAL., THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1897, 8 P. M.

On Thursday evening the Seventh Annual Convention of the Synod of California assembled in the First English Lutheran Church, Oakland, Cal., Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., pastor. After the liturgical service, conducted by the pastor *loci*, and assisted by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., and Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., the Secretary, Rev. O. H. Gruver, in the absence of the President, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler in Europe, preached the Synodical sermon, from Ephesians iv. 25: "For we are members one of another." After the sermon a happy address of hearty welcome to the delegates and visitors was made by Mr. Wm. Moller, of Oakland, and responded to in a pleasing manner by Mr. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco.

FIRST SESSION.

OAKLAND, CAL., FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1897, 9 A. M.

After a half hour's devotional service, conducted by Rev. G. H. Hillerman, of Riverside, the Synod formally convened by using the liturgical service and with prayer by the Secretary, the presiding officer. Rev. J. W. Ball was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*. The clerical roll was called, and lay delegates received and enrolled.

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical Members.	Residence.	Lay Delegates.
	S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., *a. e.*	San Diego.	
1856	E. Unangst, D. D.	Oakland.	
	M. W. Hamma, D. D., *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	
1877	J. S. Moser	Santa Cruz.	
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Sacramento	Frank Meckfessel.
1881	J. Schmierer	Monrovia.	
1882	J. E. Bushnell, D. D.	Oakland	Wm. Moller.
1885	C. W. Maggart, *a. e.*	San Diego.	
1887	A. Jatho	Oakland	Wm. E. F. Wehr.
1888	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	Fred. Meckfessel.
1889	Wm. Brandes	Alameda	V. Frodden.
1889	E. Nelander, Ph. D.	San Francisco	G. G. Burnett.
1890	Leo Geick	San Francisco.	
1891	V. G. A. Tressler, *a. e.*	San Jose	A. D. Campbell.
1892	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	H. Heckmann.
1892	O. H. Gruver	Stockton.	
1894	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	Wm. Bosbyshell.
1896	G. H. Hillerman, *o.*	Riverside.	
1897	W. H. Shahan, *l.*	Puget Sound, Wash.	
	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	Arroyo Grande	

a. e. Absent and excused. *o.* Ordained. *l.* Licensed.

Advisory Members.

On motion, the Rev. W. H. Shahan, of Puget Sound, was admitted as advisory member. Also the Rev. John Thompson, D. D., Superintendent of the California Bible Society, and the Rev. H. M. McKnight, of the Ashbury M. E. Church (South), Oakland, were introduced to the Synod.

President's Report.

The report of the official acts of the President, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, was read by the Secretary, and on receipt was referred to the proper committee.

Fathers and Brethren: It becomes my official duty at this recurring convention of the Synod of California to submit to you an annual statement of the progress and status of this work of the Church so far as it has come beneath the cognizance of my delighted powers.

I do this with devout recognition to the Great Head of the Church, whose we are and whom we serve. Hitherto the Lord hath brought us. His devotion to us during the twelve months past has been manifested in divers ways and by multiform mercies. For all such divine beneficence profound thankfulness is manifestly meet on the part of pastors, people and churches. With the sense of gratitude for His goodness, humility in chastening and obedience to all His will, I refer you to the specific occurrences of the year.

DEATHS.

From the roll of our ministry there were stricken by death, since our last Synodical session, two of the Church's most widely known and highly revered representatives:

Rev. William Uhl, of Monrovia, on January 19, 1897.

Rev. Augustus C. Wedekind, D. D., of San Diego, on April 8, 1897.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. J. S. Moser resigned Riverside, to take effect July 31, 1896.

Rev. Wm. Brandes resigned Napa, to take effect Jan. 31, 1897.

Rev. O. H. Gruver resigned San Francisco (First church), to take effect Nov. 30, 1896, but continued as supply till April 30, 1897.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman accepted a call from the Executive Committee of the W. H. and F. M. Society to Riverside, and entered upon his duties Sept. 1, 1896.

Rev. Wm. Brandes accepted a call from Christ German Lutheran church, Alameda, and began his work Jan. 31, 1897.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., on Feb. 5th accepted the call extended him by the First English Lutheran church of San Francisco, and began labor May 1, 1897.

Rev. O. H. Gruver, in the middle of April, accepted an appointment from the Executive Committee of the W. H. and F. M. Society to Stockton, and entered upon his work June 1, 1897.

ACCESSIONS.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman, a licentiate of Wittenberg Synod, was admitted to California Synod by letter Aug. 30, 1896.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., by letter from Augustana Synod, General Council, on March 29, 1897.

Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., by letter from Alleghany Synod, on July 1, 1897.

ORDINATION.

On Sunday, April 19, 1896, by participation of the clergy, and according to the formula of the Church, Rev. Jesse W. Ball, of Los Angeles, was ordained to the office of the holy ministry.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., was installed pastor of the First English Lutheran church of Oakland on April 19, 1896. Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., addressed the pastor, and Mr. G. G. Burnett the people.

Rev. J. W. Ball was installed pastor of the First English Lutheran church of Los Angeles on April 26, 1896, Revs. H. L. Yarger and C. W. Maggart officiating.

Rev. Wm. Brandes was installed pastor of the German Lutheran Christ church, of Alameda, on Jan. 31, 1897, Revs. H. Gehrcke and J. E. Bushnell, D. D., officiating.

DEDICATIONS.

On December 1, 1896, the Trinity Lutheran congregation, of Riverside, Rev. G. H. Hillerman, pastor, began to worship in a neatly arranged chapel with suitable furnishings, thus giving better opportunities for work than previously had, and greatly encouraging the devoted pastor in his trying work.

On Sunday, April 11, 1897, the beautiful new house of worship of the English Lutheran congregation, at Sacramento, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, pastor, was solemnly set apart for sacred purposes. This church's completion has been a triumph of faith, love and devotion upon the part of the indefatigable pastor and his loyal people. The church is modern in all its appointments, chaste and churchly in its general design, and excellently located, and best o all, paid for. Dr. Hoskinson deserves the thanks of the entire Church for the successful culmination of a most difficult field.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I recommend to you that appropriate resolutions be presented to the Synod in recognition of the distinguished services and eminent Christian characters of our deceased brethren hereinbefore mentioned.

By the request of the clerical representatives of the Synod, and in acquiescence to the wishes of the several churches, your President ordered the postponement of the Synod from April 28 to July 1, 1897, believing the latter time would be conducive to the best interests of the Church.

Upon recommendation and request of pastors, I have during the year visited the churches at Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, Alameda, Riverside and Los Angeles. San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara were also investigated with reference to their Lutheran material. I found the work, for the most

part, in a highly satisfactory state; and at new points material to be churched for the nucleus of future local missionary enterprises. Owing to our isolation from the Church in general, as well as the great distances separating our own local fields, which make it impossible to have much helpful aid from neighboring or visiting brethren of the ministry, I deem it exceedingly advisable that the President of the Synod be recommended to visit the parishes of Synod as much as is consistent with his own pastoral duties, and that the expenses for such work be paid from the synodical treasury, and that, if needful, the apportionment for this cause be slightly advanced. This synodical supervision is in line with advanced Lutheran work and growing consciousness of responsibility.

I recommend that clerical and lay representatives be had by our Synod in the Tressler Orphans' Home, according to the provisions made for Synods, until such a time as a Western home be founded.

The establishment of conference districts would be mutually stimulative of Christian inspiration and denominational strength to such churches as could participate. I suggest that Synod take under advisement this desirability.

I may not conclude this report without the mention, made in prayer and a spirit of absolute faith, of a Lutheran college for California. For the permanence of our evangelical faith it is imperative. I ask the prayer of Synod that God will open the way to this imperial need of our great future work on the Pacific.

Brethren, I thank you for your courtesy, consideration and faithful co-operative toil with me. To my best ability I have performed the work you entrusted to my care a year ago. My heart has rejoiced in your successes, and my prayers have been constant towards you all. Let us now with utter and implicit devotion to Him who is the Head of the Church and the Founder of our faith, go forward in the conquest of the Cross.

Respectfully submitted, V. G. A. TRESSLER.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers being next in order, the President *pro tempore* appointed Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Mr. A. D. Campbell and Mr. W. E. F. Wehr as tellers. The following were elected to the offices of Synod:

President—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Secretary—Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Treasurer—Mr. John Everding.

The new officers at once took their places.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer now read his report, which, on motion, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

JOHN EVERDING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 15, 1896, to May 4, 1897.*

	General Synod..	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund...	Orphans' Home..	Deaconess Board..	External Objects.	Home for Aged..	Total Benevolence.
To balance	.....	$82 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$82 01
Sacramento (German)	$2 63	17 50	$45 29	$37 62	$35 34	.....	$9 59	$5 00	$6 12	$88 50	$4 30	251 89
San Diego	.....	.....	32 35	17 00	25 00	$10 20	6 35	6 25	.....	5 00	4 25	106 40
San José	1 90	12 50	32 35	25 16	25 16	12 50	12 50	6 25	4 40	.....	6 25	138 97
San Francisco (English)	2 14	14 30	37 00	28 80	28 78	14 33	14 30	7 15	5 00	.....	7 15	158 95
Sacramento (English)	1 85	8 40	51 57	24 55	24 55	12 20	5 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 43
Los Angeles	2 85	19 00	49 66	38 24	38 24	19 00	19 00	9 50	6 65	.....	9 50	211 64
Riverside	66	4 40	11 38	8 85	9 00	1 22	1 20	.....	1 54	.....	60	38 85
Oakland (English)	1 26	8 40	21 74	16 90	16 90	8 40	8 40	4 20	2 94	.....	4 20	93 34
Oakland (German)	40	2 70	.....	.....	4 32	2 35	2 27	.....	94	.....	1 20	14 18
San Francisco (German)	46	3 10	8 03	6 24	6 24	3 10	3 10	1 55	1 08	.....	1 55	34 45
Amount received	$14 15	$172 31	$289 37	$203 36	$213 53	$83 30	$82 02	$39 90	$28 67	$93 50	$39 00	$1259 11
Amount remitted	12 65	.....	289 37	203 36	213 53	83 30	82 02	39 90	28 67	93 50	39 00	1085 30
Difference	$1 50	$172 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$173 81

By Lutheran Publication Society for Minutes	$80 78
By Mr. Tressler, Local Church Expenses	5 00
Total expenses	$85 78

Synodical Treasury and General Synod	$173 81
Total expenditures	85 78
Cash on hand, May 5, 1897	$88 03

Respectfully submitted,

J. EVERDING, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the Synod took a recess till the President could arrange his committees.

After calling Synod to order, the President appointed the following committees:

List of Committees.

No. 1. *President's Report*—Revs. J. S. Moser and J. W. Ball.

No. 2. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and Mr. Frank Meckfessel.

No. 3. *Apportionment*—Rev. J. W. Ball and Mr. A. D. Campbell.

No. 4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Rev. O. H. Gruver and Mr. W. E. F. Wehr.

No. 5. *Auditing Treasurer's Report*—Messrs. Wm. Moller and H. Heckmann.

No. 6. *Parochial Reports*—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., and Messrs. G. G. Burnett and Fred. Meckfessel.

No. 7. *Resolutions and Temperance*—Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., J. W. Ball and A. Jatho.

No. 8. *General Synod*—Messrs. G. G. Burnett and Wm. Bosbyshell.

No. 9. *Religious Services*—Revs. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., C. F. Oehler and O. H. Gruver.

No. 10. *Excess and Deficit*—Revs. H. Gehrcke and G. H. Hillerman.

No. 11. *Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies*—Rev. G. H. Hillerman and Mr. A. D. Campbell.

No. 12. *State of the Church*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., E. Unangst, D. D., and Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell.

No. 13. *Systematic Beneficence*—Revs. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and J. Schmierer.

No. 14. *Minutes of Last Synod*—Revs. E. Unangst, D. D., and O. H. Gruver.

No. 15. *Overtures from Oakland and Alameda German Congregations*—Rev. J. S. Moser and Mr. J. Everding.

Parochial Reports.

The parochial reports of the various congregations were now read and handed to the proper committee. (See pages 32 and 33.)

On motion, the Synod adjourned to meet at 1 : 30 p. m.
Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1 : 30 P. M.

The Synod was called to order by the President, after which Rev. Wm. Brandes offered prayer.

Roll was called.

Reading of Minutes was postponed till next session.

Report of Committee No. 9—On Religious Services.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., read this report, as follows:

Your Committee report the following appointments for Sunday:

First English Lutheran church, Oakland:

10 a. m. Sunday-school; addresses by Revs. G. H. Hillerman, O. H. Gruver, and others.

11 a. m. Holy Communion; sermon by Rev. Dr. Hoskinson, to be followed by an ordination service conducted by the President of Synod.

4 : 30 p. m. Swedish service conducted by Rev. Dr. Nelander.

6 : 30 p. m. Christian Endeavor service led by Rev. Dr. Hoskinson; addresses by visitors.

7 : 30 p. m. Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary service conducted by the officers of the Convention; addresses by Mrs. and Mr. G. G. Burnett and Rev. Dr. Rhodes, of St. Louis, Mo.

First English Lutheran church, San Francisco:

11 a. m. Rev. J. W. Ball.

Christ German Lutheran church, Alameda:

11 a. m. Rev. C. F. Oehler.

7 : 30 p. m. Address, Rev. W. H. Shahan.

Ashbury M. E. Church, South:

11 a. m. Rev. O. H. Gruver.

7 : 30 p. m. Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. BUSHNELL, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 1—On President's Report.

Rev. J. S. Moser read this report, as follows:

Your Committee respectfully report:

(1) In regard to the deaths during the year of Rev. Wm. Uhl and Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., we recommend that a committee be appointed to draft suitable memorials to be printed in the pages of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

(2) In regard to visitation of the churches by the President of Synod, we recommend that an annual visit of the President to each of the churches of Synod be authorized, expenses to be paid from the Synod treasury.

(3) With reference to the remaining recommendations of the President's report, the division of Synod into conferences has already been authorized by Synod.

(4) As to the establishment of a Lutheran college on the coast, we deem it inexpedient at this time.

(5) While we regret the absence of the retiring President, we hope that his visit to Europe will prove pleasant and profitable, and a safe return assured to him by the guiding hand of a kind Providence.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. MOSER,
J. W. BALL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 5—On Auditing Treasurer's Report.

The Chairman presented the following report:

Your Committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct as per his report.

Respectfully submitted, WM. MOLLER,
H. HECKMANN.

Adopted.

The committee further recommended that $5.10 be paid the Treasurer for expenses incurred.

Adopted.

At this juncture the Rev. John Thompson, D. D., Superintendent of the California Bible Society, was presented, and he addressed the Synod concerning the American Bible Society's work.

On motion, the Synod adjourned to meet in Ministerium session, after accepting the invitation to attend the Missionary Convention.

On motion, the hours for the sessions of Synod were fixed at:

Morning session, 9 to 12.

Afternoon session, 1:30 to 4:30.

Evening service, 8 o'clock.

Synod now adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. S. Moser.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

The liturgical service being conducted by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., assisted by Revs. G. H. Hillerman and J. W. Ball, Rev. C. F. Oehler, the President of Synod, preached a sermon from the text Romans i. 17: "The just shall live by faith."

THIRD SESSION.

OAKLAND, CAL., SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1897, 9 A. M.

The devotional services being conducted by Rev. J. S. Moser, Synod convened with prayer by Rev. A. Jatho. Roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The President appointed the following brethren to report for the papers:

Observer—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.
World—Rev. O. H. Gruver.
Evangelist—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.
Visitor—Rev. J. S. Moser.
Missionary Journal—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.
Kirchenfreuud—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

And to local papers, the Secretary, and Revs. Moser, Shahan and Ball.

Report of Committee No. 6—On Parochial Reports.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson presented this report, as follows:

Your Committee on Parochial Reports have finished the work assigned to them. (See pages 32 and 33.)

W. S. HOSKINSON,
G. G. BURNETT,
FRED. MECKFESSEL.

Adopted.

Mr. G. G. Burnett now read a telegram from Dr. M. W. Hamma, the President of the General Synod.

Mr. Burnett also reported verbally concerning the recent meeting of the General Synod. Written report to follow.

On motion, a committee of seven was appointed to draft suitable resolutions looking toward the union of the English-speaking Lutherans into one body, and endorsing such action as has already been taken in this direction by the general bodies or otherwise.

The following committee was named: Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., J. E. Bushnell, D. D., E. Nelander, Ph. D., J. S. Moser, C. F. Oehler, Mr. G. G. Burnett and Mr. Wm. Moller.

The President then spoke of the Deaconess work, and urged the employment of these loyal workers by our pastors.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet in Preparatory Service.

Dr. E. Unangst led in prayer.

PREPARATORY SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 11 A. M.

The President of Synod conducted the Preparatory Service.

Psalm li. was read, and a short sermon from Matt. xxviii. 20, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," was delivered.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1:30 P. M.

The Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Mr. G. G. Burnett.

The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee No. 2—On Letters and Papers.

This Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee herewith submit the following letters from Rev. V. G. A. Tressler and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and recommend that they be read.

We regret the absence of our former President, and trust that he may have a safe return from his European trip. It is a matter of special disappoint-

ment that the official representatives of our Mission Boards and of the Board of Church Extension were unable to attend Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. BUSHNELL,
FRANK MECKFESSEL.

Adopted.

Union of Lutheran Bodies.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., Chairman of this Committee, read the following report:

WHEREAS, We are a Synod composed of members formerly of various bodies of our Lutheran Church, with churches of many nationalities, and find our relations and workings most pleasant and amicable:

1. *Resolved*, That it is with great satisfaction we learn from our representatives to the recent General Synod of the signs of affiliation and approaching union between the various bodies of our beloved Zion; and,

2. *Resolved*, That we shall earnestly pray God that these overtures may continue, and that every reasonable effort may be put forth for a speedy and complete union; and,

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Presidents of these General and various District Synods.

Signed, W. S. HOSKINSON, of General Synod,
J. E. BUSHNELL, of United Synod,
CHAS. F. OEHLER, of Wartburg Synod,
E. NELANDER, of Augustana Synod,
J. S. MOSER, of United Synod,
G. G. BURNETT, of General Synod,
WM. MOLLER, of General Council.

Adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to have the above resolutions printed, bill to be presented to the Treasurer for payment not exceeding $5.00.

Mr. Wm. Moller now presented the following telegram which was ordered to be sent to Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., as the expression of Synod: "Hearty congratulations as President. Push consolidation of Synods."

Report of Committee No. 14—On Minutes of Last Synod.

Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., presented this report, as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod respectfully report as follows:

1. The report of the Minutes is well executed, and printed in clear, beautiful type.

2. On page 15 of the report is a resolution (3) to the effect that "every

pastor of every church shall once during the synodical year preach on the call to the ministry." Has this been done ?

3. On page 20 we note it was "resolved to invite the German pastors of the churches not in connection with this Synod to seek to have their churches adopt the constitution of our Synod." Has this been done ?

4. We also notice that a sentiment on temperance was to be "utilized in the providence of God to sweep the monster demon alcoholism from our delightsome land." Has this been done ?

5. Under Ministerium we note that the Examination Committee was to have a meeting with Rev. Leo Geick and report results to the next meeting of Synod. Is this being done ?

Respectfully submitted, E. UNANGST,
O. H. GRUVER.

On motion, this report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. In part.

Item 3. Yes.

Item 4. An effort has been made.

Item 5. Yes.

Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee No. 11—On Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies.

The Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee submit the following on Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies:

The hope of the future lies in the young of to-day. This fact is true in affairs of the Church as well as in the State. Therefore, it is most important that the foundation of character be rightly and well laid. It is in our Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies that much of this foundation work is being done.

It is consequently gratifying to learn that for the past year there has been a general increase in the interest and attendance on these auxiliaries of the Church, over the reports of the preceding years.

From the report of the Committee of the State of the Church, we learn that there are nearly twice as many girls as boys in our Sunday-schools. There must be a reason for this state of affairs, and a remedy for the same, and your Committee would respectfully submit the following reasons for this unequal division of scholars: The indifference on the part of professed Christian parents; poor preparation on the part of the Sunday-school teachers for the teaching of the lessons; and as a result, an uninteresting lesson hour, so the boys find other places more attractive; lack of real interest by the superintendent and officers in the advancement and conducting of the Sunday-school.

And we would also suggest the following remedies:

The pastors should impress more strongly on the parents their responsibility before God for the religious training of their children.

The organization and faithful carrying forward of a Sunday-school Teachers' Normal Class, to which all the teachers shall belong.

The superintendents, teachers and officers, should cultivate a more hearty and friendly interest in their scholars, visiting them frequently, studying their dispositions carefully, etc. They should also keep themselves informed as to the best methods for conducting a Sunday-school, and be ready to use them as far as possible.

We would also heartily commend to our Sunday-schools the work of the American Bible Society. Their effort to place a Bible in the hands of each Sunday-school scholar should receive our heartiest sanction and co-operation. In this day of questioning the truth of God's Word, we should place ourselves on record as standing firmly on the authenticity of the *entire* Scriptures, and we should teach our children to hold a firm faith in Holy Writ as the inspired Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. We would emphasize the need of teaching our young people a more thorough and general knowledge of this Word of Truth.

We would also heartily commend to our Sunday-schools the home department work, as a means of increasing interest in the Sunday-school and building up the spiritual life of those who cannot attend our schools. Most of our churches have young people's societies of some name or other. No church is accomplishing its best work that neglects to organize a Young People's Society. We would recommend to every church in which there is no Young People's Society, that an immediate organization be effected.

We regret, however, to report that we find among some of the Young People's Societies, a disposition to place the Society and its work ahead of the work of the Church. And this is especially lamentable when our young people throw themselves into work for their Societies that aids other denominations to the detriment of their own Church. Our young people must be brought to see that their first duty in church matters is to their own denomination and local church.

We would also recommend that at an early date a State organization of our young Lutherans of California, of whatever Synodical connection, be entered upon. This would mark one step farther in the direction of the long-hoped-for day of one undivided Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. H. HILLERMAN,
A. D. CAMPBELL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 15—On Overtures from Oakland and Alameda German Congregations.

Your Committee on Overtures from the German Lutheran churches of Oakland and Alameda, asking financial aid, submit this report:

Your Committee having carefully considered the same in connection with the present financial condition of our Boards of Home Mission and Church Extension, would recommend, that these overtures be referred to the Boards of Church Extension and Home Missions, for their favorable consideration and action.

Respectfully submitted. J. S. MOSER,
J. EVERDING.

Adopted, and Secretary ordered to forward same to the Boards of Church Extension and Home Missions.

Oakland Exposition.

Mr. P. M. Fisher at this time presented the Synod complimentary tickets of admission into the Oakland Exposition, in behalf of the management.

Synod voted a return of thanks to the Secretary of the Exposition for his kindness.

Thanks were also tendered to Mr. Fisher for his interest.

Report of Committee No. 12—On State of the Church.

Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., read this report as follows:

Your Committee report on the state of the Church as follows:

Eleven reports were handed to the Committee:

1. So far as figures go we have in these reports: male members, 400; female members, 746. There is a gain in membership over last report.

2. In the Sunday-school department there are 11 schools reported, with 1462 scholars enrolled, with an average attendance of 941. 185 church members are working in these Sunday-schools.

3. Church attendance is reported to be: Morning attendance about 63 per cent.; Evening attendance about 34 per cent.; Prayer-meeting attendance about 13 per cent. Family worship has received attention.

4. In the eleven reports handed in we notice a gain all along the line, especially in the Sunday-school department, which is a very hopeful and encouraging feature in our church work.

So far then as we have the facts, we are thankful to report good progress in the work for the Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
E. UNANGST.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 3—On Apportionment.

Rev. J. W. Ball presented this report as follows:

Your Committee on Apportionment report the following:

Apportionment for 1897–1898.

	Members	General Synod	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Home for the Aged	Orphans' Home	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	Synodical Expenses	Total
Rate	....	.01½	.25⅞	.20⅛	.20⅛	.10	.05	.05	.10	.03½	.10	$1.11⅛
San Francisco, Rev. Nelander	151	$2 27	$39 07	$30 39	$30 39	$15 10	$7 55	$7 55	$15 10	$5 28	$15 10	167 80
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	29	44	7 50	5 84	5 84	2 90	1 45	1 45	2 90	1 02	2 90	32 23
Oakland, Rev. Dr. Bushnell	102	1 53	26 39	20 53	20 53	10 20	5 10	5 10	10 20	3 57	10 20	113 35
Oakland, Rev. Jatho	25	38	6 47	5 03	5 03	2 50	1 25	1 25	2 50	87	2 50	27 78
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	122	1 83	31 57	24 55	24 55	12 20	6 10	6 10	12 20	4 27	12 20	135 57
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	175	2 63	45 28	35 22	35 22	17 50	8 75	8 75	17 50	6 12	17 50	194 47
San José, Rev. Tressler	140	2 10	35 87	28 17	28 17	14 00	7 00	7 00	14 00	4 90	14 00	155 57
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	39	59	10 09	7 85	7 85	3 90	1 95	1 95	3 90	1 37	3 90	43 34
Riverside, Rev. Hillerman	39	59	10 09	7 85	7 85	3 90	1 95	1 95	3 90	1 37	3 90	43 34
San Diego, Rev. Maggart	125	1 88	32 34	25 16	25 16	12 50	6 25	6 25	12 50	4 37	12 50	138 91
Los Angeles, Rev. Ball	202	3 03	52 27	40 65	40 65	20 20	10 10	10 10	20 20	7 07	20 20	224 47
Total	1149	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1276 83

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL, A. D. CAMPBELL.

Adopted.

Place of Next Meeting.

On motion, it was decided to receive invitations for place of next meeting. Three invitations were presented: German church of Sacramento, English church of Sacramento, English church of Los Angeles. On ballot the German Lutheran church of Sacramento, Rev. C. F. Oehler, pastor, was selected, and the time of meeting on Wednesday evening, April 20, 1898.

On motion, Synod adjourned for business till Tuesday at 9 a. m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. O. H. Gruver.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 8 P. M.

This service was held in St. Markus' Lutheran church, Rev. A. Jatho, pastor. The President, Rev. C. F. Oehler, presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Brandes.

Brief addresses were made by the other brethren of Synod.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 11 a. m. the Holy Communion was held.

Sermon was preached by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., and the ordination of Rev. G. H. Hillerman followed, in which the officers of Synod were assisted by all the ministers present.

At 8 p. m. the services were conducted by the officers of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary convention.

Addresses were made by Mrs. and Mr. G. G. Burnett and Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo.

FIFTH SESSION.

OAKLAND, CAL., JULY 6, 1897, TUESDAY, 9 A. M.

After a half hour's devotional service led by Rev. O. H. Gruver, the President called Synod to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Unangst, D. D.

Roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee No. 10—On Excess and Deficit.

Your Committee on Excess and Deficit having finished their work present their report. (See page 31.)

H. GEHRCKE,
G. H. HILLERMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 8—On General Synod.

Mr. G. G. Burnett read the report of the recent General Synod, as follows:

Dear Brethren—Greeting: As by your kind consideration and suffrage, the undersigned were elected delegates to the late General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, which convened at Mansfield, Ohio, June 9–17, 1897, they beg to report as follows:

There was an unusually full attendance of delegates from the earliest beginning to the end of the convention. The Synod was opened Wednesday evening the 9th, with a most able and appropriate sermon by the retiring President, the Rev. H. L. Baugher, D. D.

It is a matter of no small honor to the California Synod that the chairman of its delegation, the Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., was elected President on the first ballot, by the largest vote ever thus cast for a President of the General Synod.

The reports of the operations of the various Boards, as presented in their order, were exceedingly interesting, and despite the hard times, in most cases show an increase of contributions.

However, the Home and Foreign Missionary Boards reported debts respectively of $10,000.00 and $7,000.00 each. Of the $10,000.00, one-half or more was raised on the floor of the Synod, with provision to secure the remainder by private effort, while the Foreign Board obtained donations for about one-half of its debt at the same time.

Upon the whole, the benevolent operations of the Church, considering the stringency of the times, make a good showing, but funds are lacking to make any enlargement of the work at present.

The most interesting and significant events of the convention were the reception of the visiting delegates coming for the first time from the General

Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America, and from the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of the North. This was the happy result of the movement begun by your delegates at the General Synod four years ago, looking to a closer union of the various separate bodies of the Lutheran Church in this country. Thus fraternal relations and co-operation have been established between the three general bodies having the largest English membership in the United States.

An act of practical confederation has been passed between them, which, when fully ratified, will bind together in sacred confederation nearly, if not quite, one-half of all the Lutherans in this country. Such a magnificent achievement begins a new and glorious era in the history of the Lutheran Church in the United States.

The utmost harmony characterized the sessions of the Synod throughout, and it is doubtful whether ever such absorbing interest and enthusiasm prevailed during any convention in its history. Your delegates, Dr. G. G. Burnett and Wm. Bosbyshell, will probably be present with you, and can make further report of this remarkable convention. Thanking you for your kindness, this report is respectfully submitted,

M. W. HAMMA,
G. G. BURNETT.

Received and adopted.

Reports from New Missions.

Reports of the progress and opportunities of the few latest mission stations of the Synod were called for by the Synod.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman spoke in behalf of Riverside, bringing to light the obstacles in the way of progress there, and also showing how faithfully he had labored.

The following resolution relating to Riverside was then presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the California Synod that the Riverside mission be discontinued, and that we suggest to the Executive Committee of the W. H. and F. M. Society to take steps towards the occupancy of Los Angeles or some other point where a field seems open and ready, and that Bro. Hillerman be transferred to such point.

Rev. O. H. Gruver afterwards spoke of the work begun in Stockton and its possibilities.

The following resolution was then presented and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of the California Synod be extended to the W. H. and F. M. Society for commissioning our brother, Rev. O. H. Gruver, to Stockton; we consider it one of the important fields of our State.

Rev. H. Gehrcke also spoke of the German work in San Francisco, and Rev. Wm. Brandes of the German work in Alameda.

Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., being present was introduced to the Synod and admitted as an advisory member.

Report of Committee No. 13—On Systematic Beneficence.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., read the report, as follows:

Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence observes with great pleasure that our people have a growing disposition to meet faithfully their regular apportionments, and to support their local congregations in all current expenses.

We believe that the scriptural provisions for systematic and proportionate giving to the support and spread of the gospel should be uniformly recognized as an obligation unto the Lord, since this is the most effectual way to honor the Lord with the first fruits of all our increase.

In congregational work, each one, upon the first day of the week, as a matter of worship, should lay by in store as God hath prospered us. Let us not take up that we have not laid down, nor attempt to reap where we have not sown the seed of proper instruction.

In all financial affairs we should first give our full and practical attention to whatever our Synods and congregations have officially approved, using wisely our stewardship in its lawful place until the Lord gives us the fruits of our labors. As our delegate to the General Synod so earnestly asserted upon the floor at Mansfield, to the credit of our Synod and the churches generally, the laymen are willing to give even more liberally for every obligation where such claims are properly explained to them.

By a careful estimate of the average contributions of our people in this state, where new church buildings are being erected and new missions are being established annually, we find that the total returns are more than double the common average over the country, because special gifts and offerings so largely increase our regular subscriptions.

Our members, however, need to be carefully and patiently trained in the observance of systematic beneficence for the attainment of the most permanent results in the development of the spirit of self-support for new congregations.

The unscriptural and worldly schemes which have so seriously injured others do not find much encouragement among us, and we especially recommend that our churches continue to follow faithfully those scriptural methods which have always secured the best financial returns and have met with official approbation, so as to discourage all irregular efforts to raise money for the Lord's cause, which have a secular spirit and tendency and are without a clear scriptural warrant. While we should always be wise and proceed according to the most effective business methods in our financial affairs, we do well to be on our guard against anything which tends to transform the house of God into a place for merchandise and social amusement.

Our devoted people deserve due commendation for their self-sacrifice and Christian consecration, and the generous assistance which has been given to this great missionary field by Eastern Lutherans is a needed inspiration.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. BUSHNELL,
JOHN SCHMIERER.

On the invitation of the President, Dr. Rhodes addressed Synod on this subject.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee No. 7—On Resolutions and Temperance

Rev. Dr. Nelander presented this report, as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have learned with sorrow of the death of our brethren, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., and Rev. William Uhl, who have filled such important parts in the history of our Church, and that while we rejoice in their distinguished services, so long continued, we deeply sympathize with the sorrowing families and friends in their bereavements.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare and insert in the Minutes brief biographies of these deceased brethren.

Resolved, That it is with pleasure we note the increased prosperity of our mission in India notwithstanding the discouragements of plague and famine, and that we earnestly commend our Foreign Missions to the hearts of our people.

Resolved, That we put on record our heartfelt appreciation of the courtesy and royal hospitality of the pastor and people of the Oakland church.

Resolved, That our hearty thanks are hereby conveyed to those who have so faithfully reported the proceedings of the Synod.

Resolved, That it is with much pleasure we hear of the work done by the last convention of the General Synod through our delegate to the same.

Resolved, That it is with pride and gratitude we note the honor accorded to Dr. Hamma of our own delegation in his election to the presidency.

Resolved, That as a Church we deem it our duty to put forth every wise effort to further the cause of Temperance, especially in the work of instructing and fortifying the young under our care.

Resolved, That we recognize in our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society a most commendable agency for good, and that we lend every encouragement to these "women who labor with us in the gospel."

Respectfully submitted, E. NELANDER,
J. W. BALL,
A. JATHO.

On motion, this report was considered *seriatim*.

This pending, Synod adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Dr. Rhodes led in prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2:00 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Rev. J. W. Ball led in prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

The report on Resolutions and Temperance pending, it was taken up and considered.

Item 1. Adopted with a rising vote and prayer by Dr. Bushnell.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted with a rising vote.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Item 8. Adopted.

Item 9. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee No. 4—On Absentees and Excuses.

Rev. O. H. Gruver read this report, as follows:

Your Committee on Absentees and Excuses beg leave to present the following report:

All the ministers of Synod except five are present. Several congregations sent no delegates. One congregation is vacant. Letters have come to us from Revs. Dr. Sprecher, C. W. Maggart, V. G. A. Tressler, L. C. Routzahn and Dr. Hamma. We recommend that these be excused. We recommend also that the following lay delegates who were present be excused before the Synod adjourns: Mr. A. D. Campbell, Frank Meckfessel and Fred. Meckfessel.

Respectfully submitted, O. H. GRUVER,
WM. E. F. WEHR.

Adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay Rev. V. G. A. Tressler $16.00 for traveling expenses incurred in the interests of the Synod as President.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay $5.00 to the First English Lutheran Church of Oakland, for expenses incurred.

On motion, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., was appointed fraternal

delegate from the Synod of California to the California Conference of the Augustana Synod.

On motion, the German Evangelical Lutheran Christ Church, Rev. Wm. Brandes, pastor, was received into Synod in regular connection.

Deaconess Work.

A communication from the California Synodical Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society being presented and read, the following action was taken:

In answer to the communication from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of this Synod, relative to the establishment of an Orphanage and Deaconess Home on this coast,

Resolved, That in our judgment, the time has not yet arrived for the inauguration of such a work by this Synod; but,

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be constituted a committee to secure the services of a Deaconess for our work, if found practicable.

On motion, 500 copies of these minutes were ordered to be printed by the Lutheran Publication Society.

On motion, a synopsis of the minutes of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention was to be added to these minutes.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet in the German Lutheran Church of Sacramento, Rev. C. F. Oehler, pastor, on Wednesday evening, April 20, 1898.

Minutes were read and approved.

Prayer was offered by the President, Rev. C. F. Oehler.

OSCAR H. GRUVER, *Secretary*.

In Memoriam.

Rev. William Uhl was born October 28th, 1819, at Wellersburg, Penna. He spent his boyhood and youth in Somerset County, Penna., where he came under that influence of Rev. Jesse Winecoff which shaped his entire life. In the fall of 1842, he entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, Penna., and pursuing but a partial course, he graduated from the Seminary at the same place in the spring of 1845. His first pastorate was at Lyking, Clarion County, Penna.; thence he labored in Somerset County, Penna., and in 1852 moved to Illinois, where, during thirty-seven years, he preached at Peru, Princeton, Dixon, Sterling, Nelson, Elkhorn, Franklin, Ashton and Forreston,

and built churches at many of these places. In 1888, he removed to Monrovia, Cal., where in 1890 he made his last effort at establishing a church of his love. Later he became a member of the congregation at Los Angeles, and remained such until his death, on January 19th, 1897. In 1891, he was one of the founders of California Synod.

Rev. Uhl was a man of intense activity, a good organizer and an indefatigable worker. "He was a strong man every way. The indomitable power of his will enabled him to surmount difficulties before which ordinary men would surrender. He was a man of strong convictions, and unyielding in what he believed to be right. He loved with a heart of intense devotion. His piety and his devotion to his Church were always practical, rather than merely sentimental. To him, love to God and friends and Church meant work, loyalty and sacrifice." O. H. G.

AUGUSTUS C. WEDEKIND, D. D., was born June 16, 1824, in Friedrichs-Ruh, Hanover, Germany. He came to America when but a child with his parents, and resided in York, Pa. In 1841, he entered the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, Pa. In 1848, he was ordained to the gospel ministry. His first pastorate was at Fayetteville, Pa., and he afterwards served churches successively at Lebanon, Pa., Lancaster, Pa., St. James', New York City, and St. John's, New York City. His health having failed, he came to California in January, 1891, where he purchased a home at National City, four or five miles from San Diego. He connected himself with the San Diego congregation, and on July 30, 1893, assisted the pastor in the laying of the corner-stone. He was also one of the organizers of the Synod of California, and remained an honored member of that body until his death April 8, 1897. His body was taken to Lebanon, Pa., for burial.

Dr. Wedekind held many positions of trust and honor in his beloved Church. He was often president of Synods, and delegate to the General Synod. From 1856 till his death he was trustee of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, Pa. In 1867, the college honored him with the degree of D. D. For several years he was one of the editors of *The Christian at Work*, and was a constant contributor to the *Lutheran Quarterly* and to the Church papers. As a preacher he was forcible and earnest, speaking with equal fluency in his native tongue—German—or in English. As a pastor he was untiring and sympathetic. He was always interested in every branch of Church work. O. H. G.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

OAKLAND, CAL., JULY 2, 1897, FRIDAY, 4:30 P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President.

Rev. J. W. Ball led in prayer.

On motion, the Committee on Examination for the Ministry were instructed in the matter of the application of Rev. G. H. Hillerman, and directed to report at the next session.

Adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

OAKLAND, CAL., JULY 3, 1897, SATURDAY, 4:30 P. M.

After the call to order and prayer by Rev. J. W. Ball, the minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry.

Rev. Dr. Hoskinson read the report as follows:

Your Examining Committee have had before them Rev. George H. Hillerman, of Riverside, Cal., have examined his fitness for the ministry, sermons and ministerial acts, and recommend him for ordination at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. E. BUSHNELL.

Adopted.

And the following:

Your Committee on Examination have had before them Mr. W. H. Shahan,

and would recommend that the President of Synod be authorized to give him *ad interim* license.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. E. BUSHNELL,

Adopted.

On motion, the name of Rev. Leo Geick was to be placed on the roll of Synod at the discretion of the President and Secretary, if after an examination they deemed it proper.

His name was enrolled.

By common consent, Rev. Dr. Hoskinson was appointed to make the ordination address.

On motion, Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.

THIRD SESSION.

OAKLAND, CAL., JULY 6, 1897, TUESDAY, 3:45 P. M.

Called to order with prayer by Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. Gehrcke.

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.			Board of Education.		
	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.
San Francisco	$2 14	.....	.....	$14 30	.....	.....	$37 00	.....	.....	$28 78	.....	.....	$28 78	.....	.....	$14 30	.....	.....
Oakland	1 26	.....	.....	8 40	.....	.....	21 74	.....	.....	16 90	.....	.....	16 90	.....	.....	8 40	.....	.....
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San José	1 90	03	.....	12 50	.....	.....	32 35	.....	.....	25 16	.....	.....	25 16	.....	.....	12 50	.....	.....
Los Angeles	2 85	.....	.....	19 00	.....	.....	49 66	.....	.....	38 24	.....	.....	38 24	.....	.....	19 00	.....	.....
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	Home for the Aged.			Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Deaconess Board.			Total.		
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Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GEHRCKE, G. H. HILLERMAN.

APPENDIX B.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
						Losses.			Accessions.						Finances.				
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	
E. Nelander, 1319 Geary St., San Francisco	First Eng. Ev. Luth.	1	..	2	..	13	5	7	5	15	1	17	7	..	151	$55000 00	$9000 00	$3197 70	1
Jesse W. Ball, 718 W. Eighth St., Los Angeles	First Eng. Luth.	1	..	2	..	125	3	7	18	4	1	6	14	12	202	26000 00	6314 00	1854 60	2
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W. S. Hoskinson, 1309 O St., Sacramento	First Eng. Luth.	1	1	1	..	13	3	3	17	19	....	15	2	16	122	18000 00	2000 00	4916 00	4
J. E. Bushnell, cor. Grove and 16th Sts., Oakland	First Eng. Ev. Luth.	1	..	1	..	15	....	....	43	12	1	22	16	20	102	22000 00	7000 00	1038 00	5
V. G. A. Tressler, 55 E. Julian St., San José	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	15	1	5	9	20	3	12	8	12	140	15000 00	3500 00	1854 50	6
George H. Hillerman, 280 Cottage St., Riverside	Trinity Ev. Luth.	1	..	1	..	17	....	2	10	2	....	....	3	4	39	75 00	.....	150 00	7
Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St., Sacramento	German Lutheran	1	..	1	..	15	3	....	....	44	1	18	....	..	175	20000 00	500 00	2558 89	8
Hermann Gehrcke, 741 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco	St. Matthew's Ger. Lu.	1	..	..	..	6	1	4	2	12	....	....	5	..	29	440 00	.....	1230 57	9
A. Jatho, 873 Filbert St, Oakland	St. Markus' Ger. E. Lu.	1	..	..	..	10	2	2	....	22	....	10	2	..	25	10000 00	5000 00	1166 40	10
W. Brandes, 752 Pacific St., Alameda	Ger. Ev. Lu., Christ.	1	1	..	..	....	1	....	....	16	....	6	....	..	39	2400 00	1200 00	650 00	11
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

W. H. & F. M. Synodical Society

OF

CALIFORNIA,

HELD AT

OAKLAND, CAL., July 2, 1897.

The first session met in the parlors of the First English Lutheran Church, on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the President, Mrs. J. Everding, of San Francisco, and consisted of the singing of Hymn 457, Book of Worship; responsive scripture reading led by Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, of Oakland; the singing of the Gloria Patri, and an offering of prayer by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, of Oakland.

Credentials of delegates were then received and their names enrolled.

Sacramento—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Mrs. Meckfessel (English church).
Miss K. Stuber, Mrs. F. Meckfessel, Mrs. Sermoneb (German church).

Los Angeles—Miss L. B. Miller.
Miss F. Ball.

Oakland—Mrs. Walling.
Mrs. Reif.

San José—Mrs. L. Dennis.
Mrs. A. B. Row.
San Francisco—Mrs. L. F. Rowell (English church).
Mrs. Mauch, Miss Faulke (German church).

No delegates from San Diego or Riverside.

The President, Mrs. J. Everding, then declared the Convention formally organized.

Rules of order were read from the chair, after which a most cordial welcome was extended the Convention by Mrs. Wm. Moller, of Oakland.

Response prepared by Miss L. Miller, of Los Angeles, was read by Miss F. Ball.

According to the program, the address of the President, Mrs. J. Everding, followed:

President's Address.

Dear Sisters: Again we are assembled in a Synodical convention. A year has flown on swift wings since last we met. A year of joys and sorrows, of opportunities and deeds for Christ and His kingdom. The present lies at our hand, the future before us. We are here to plan for it. It has been a year of financial and political disturbance; and these two things have very much hindered our work, as during this state of affairs it has seemed hard to make the progress we desired. This has been quite discouraging to our foreign missionaries, as the funds were so much curtailed that the projected improvements in the field had to be given up. We confidently look forward to a better year in this respect, and hope and pray that money will be forthcoming for all of the work before the Board of Missions.

Here in California we need more missions and money to support them. So much immigration is constantly arriving and settling upour State, and so much to be said and done for Christ. We need to press upon our Auxiliaries this point, and urge them to awake to its great importance. Our societies, so far as have been ted to me, are doing well. I have visited four of them, two in Sacramento, one in Oakland, and St. Matthew's in San Francisco. I was favorably impressed with the zeal manifested by these societies in work so new to this Coast. But we must not be satisfied with doing merely well—but aim for a higher standard of excellence. I would earnestly urge the importance of forming young ladies' auxiliaries in every church. Get the youthful enthusiasm aroused in the work, that they may be able to take our places when we have passed away. Let our motto be "Onward!" Press forward and be not content with small things. In the Eastern churches the young societies are doing a great work. Upon our young people rests the hope of our Church on this coast.

The subject of our literature claims our attention, and the question arises how we can get our people to use it. This is adifficult matter. If we could induce each society to make a personal effort to introduce our journal into every family, much would be accomplished. So few of our people take the *Journal* even at the low price of twenty-five cents. Every family should take a church paper, and thus inform themselves of what is being done in our church at large. It is a matter of regret that this is not the case. Will the delegates of this convention make an especial effort in the coming year in this direction?

The highest degree of strength can only be obtained by prayer and work combined; while we rest upon the arm of God for our inspiration and guidance, we must use our own strength to do the work that is before us, for the days pass and "the night cometh when no man can work." Let us not be found empty-handed when called to give an account of our stewardship.

If we earnestly and actively engage in work for Christ, there will be no place found for fault-finding or any discouragements in our missions.

Each society must feel that upon its action, as well as upon its pastor's work, depends the success of the church. Sustain your pastor's hands by your own prayers, co-operation and encouraging words. Look upward with hope and confidence in the promise given. "Lo! I am with you even unto the end of the world."

I would advise that the course given in the *Mission Studies* for each month be used at the opening exercises of every Auxiliary. They are given as the result of careful study, by our Executive Board. In the duties that await us during this year, let us surrender all thoughts of self-interest, and only ask, "What can I do for my Lord?"

The Secretary read a letter of greeting from Dr. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

A letter from Miss Anna Kugler, of Guntur, India, was read by Miss Stuber, of Sacramento.

Mrs. G. G. Burnett brought greetings from Dr. and Mrs. Hamma. These letters were filled with good wishes for a profitable convention.

Mrs. Walling was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss K. Stuber, read her report.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. L. Dennis, of San José.

Mrs. L. E. Zabriskie, Chairman of the Literature Committee, read her report. At this point the Synod was invited to visit the Convention, which they did for a short while.

After the singing of Hymn 182, "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," the Historian, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, of Oakland, read her report, which was as follows:

Historian's Report.

SAN DIEGO AUXILIARY.

The interest in this Society remains as good as in the previous years. This has been always an active, wide-awake organization, and anxious to perform its duty to the church and Synod to which it belongs. Number of members, 18; Number of journals and papers, 14; Tracts, 3; Children's Missionary Paper, 102; Funds collected and distributed during the year, $57.05.

LOS ANGELES AUXILIARY.

There are 29 members, with a gradual increase. Interest is well kept up and a good attendance. Amount of funds collected, $41.89. Journals taken, 18; Church papers, 25.

RIVERSIDE AUXILIARY.

This Society was re-organized last February by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Hillerman. It reports 11 members, and much interest is manifested, also in a prosperous state. No funds reported as yet.

SAN JOSÉ AUXILIARY.

Monthly meetings are fairly well attended. The exercises are quite interesting and well planned by the President, Mrs. L. Dennis. Number of members, 26; Journals taken, 20. Some new tracts are taken every month. Funds raised during the year, $20.00.

SAN FRANCISCO AUXILIARY.

This Society reports 18 members. Number of Journals taken, 9; *Mission Studies*, 3. Amount raised for all purposes, $33.60. Mrs. L. F. Rowell, President, is faithfully serving for the third term, and exerts her utmost to maintain the interest in the Auxiliary.

ST. MATTHEW'S GERMAN, SAN FRANCISCO.

This Society reports an encouraging progress in membership and interest. Mrs. Mauch is the faithful President, and is serving the second term. Meetings are held at the church, and the attendance is good. Number of members, 51; number of Journals taken, 4; funds raised during the year, $73.50.

SACRAMENTO AUXILIARY.

This Society reports an interesting state of the Society, with an increasing membership. Mrs. Ashley is their efficient President, and plans her meetings previously so as to secure the best results, consequently the members feel repaid for any sacrifice that they make to attend. Number of Journals, 10; number of members, 27; number of Mission Studies, 7; funds raised, $23.35.

SACRAMENTO GERMAN AUXILIARY.

This Society reports a prosperous state, their meetings being well attended, and they are doing excellent work. The members adopt the system of each one keeping a "mite box," which is opened twice a year at a social

gathering, and the amounts distributed to various objects. Number of members, 53; Journals taken, 23; Church papers, 18; Mission Studies, 1; funds raised during the year, $170.95.

OAKLAND AUXILIARY.

This reports a prosperous society. Mrs. Walling, President, who has had some years of experience in the work in Sacramento, sustains the interest among the members, and the number is gradually increasing. Number of Journals taken, 7; church papers, 9; number of members, 24; funds raised during the year, $12.70.

Total amount contributed by all the auxiliaries, $433.24.

Reports of the Auxiliary delegates followed, after which Mrs. G. G. Burnett, Synodical delegate, gave a full report of the proceedings of the General Convention.

The President then appointed the following committees:

List of Committees.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. S. E. B. Myers, Mrs. Wm. Moller.
Letters, Greetings and Papers—Mrs. L. F. Rowell, Mrs. Walling.
President's Address—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Mrs. G. G. Burnett.
Resolutions—Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, Miss F. Ball.
Literature Committee—Mrs. L. Dennis, Miss Miller.
Press Reporters—Mrs. Hoskinson, Mrs. G. G. Burnett.
Lutheran Observer and World—Mrs. S. E. B. Myers.
Journal—Mrs. Bushnell.

The sum amounting to $9.25 was collected for the Synodical Fund.

The President then called upon Rev. C. F. Oehler, President of Synod, for a few remarks, which were listened to with pleasure.

After singing Hymn 310, "Rock of Ages," Dr. G. G. Burnett addressed the convention on Home Missionary Work.

Dr. Unangst spoke of the great work in India. He was followed by a few pleasing remarks from Dr. Nelander, of San Francisco, and Rev. G. H. Hillerman, of Riverside.

Dr. Bushnell then extended a most cordial invitation to the Convention, to partake of the luncheon provided by the ladies of the church.

The session closed with prayer by Dr. Bushnell.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, of Sacramento.

Hymn 572, Book of Worship.

Responsive Scripture reading, 15th chapter St. John.

Prayer for missions, Miss K. Stuber, of Sacramento.

Hymn 310, Book of Worship.

Sentence prayers.

After roll call, the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Reports of the various committees were then called for and presented as follows:

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee report that we find the Corresponding Secretary's and Treasurer's reports correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. MOLLER,
MRS. S. E. B. MYERS.

Report of Committee on Letters, Greetings and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters, Greetings and Papers received the following: A greeting from our esteemed friend, Dr. S. B. Barnitz, was read. He regretted very much that he could not be with us. A letter from Dr. Anna Kugler, of India, was read and listened to with much interest.

Mrs. Hamma expressed her heart-felt sympathy and regretted exceedingly that she and Dr. Hamma were unable to attend our convention.

MRS. WALLING,
MRS. L. F. ROWELL.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of reporting upon the President's address submit the following:

We approve of the earnest Christian spirit pervading the whole, and commend her faithfulness in the performance of all the duties pertaining to the office.

We note with pleasure the attention she has given to the Auxiliary Societies, and fully recognize the benefits derived from the visits of presiding officers.

We heartily endorse all her suggestions with reference to interesting our young people in missionary work, and would recommend the formation of such societies wherever practicable.

We would emphasize the importance of our literature, and would urge the use of the program as given in the *Mission Studies* for monthly meetings of each Society, as well as the introduction of the *Journal* and the church papers into the home of every member of our Societies.

MRS. G. G. BURNETT,
MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON.

The report of Committee on the Report of the Literature Committee was read by Mrs. Dennis, of San José.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions handed in the following:

Resolved 1. That a letter of greetings and congratulations be sent to Dr. and Mrs. Hamma, also expressing our regret that they were unable to attend our convention.

Resolved 2. That an answer be sent to Dr. Anna Kugler's interesting letter from India, assuring her of our sympathy and love.

Resolved 3. That the thanks of our convention be sent by our Recording Secretary to Mrs. Blake Alversen, for the delightful music furnished during our meetings.

Resolved 4. That we appreciate the press in the full notices given of our convention.

Resolved 5. That we return thanks to the pastor and congregation of the Oakland church for their cordial reception and entertainment, and to the ladies of the congregation who furnished such delightful luncheons.

Resolved 6. That we send a letter to Mrs. Tressler-Campbell, our former Treasurer, thanking her for her faithful services as Treasurer the past few years, and sympathizing with her in ill health.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. BUSHNELL,
MISS F. BALL.

After singing Hymn No. 358, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," Mrs. S. F. Rowell, of San Francisco, read a paper on "How to Interest the Young in our Work," which elicited much discussion.

An interesting paper on "Plans for Next Year's Work," was read by Mrs. Walling, of Oakland.

Mrs. L. Dennis, of San José, read a paper on "How May we Attain Greater Success?" A discussion followed by several of the delegates.

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers called the attention of the convention to Section 2 of Article 10 of the Synodical Constitution, adopted at the biennial convention and embodied in our minutes at San José convention, and desired the different auxiliaries to act accordingly.

Under the head of new business, bills were presented and, on motion, ordered paid.

At this point, Professor Fisher, of Oakland, extended an invitation to the Convention to visit the Exposition, which was accepted by a rising vote.

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers then read to the convention a letter from Rev. C. F. Oehler, President of Synod, in regard to the "Deaconess Work." She also presented a resolution concerning it, which was adopted, and referred to Synod for action.

The election of officers then took place, and resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. J. Everding, San Francisco.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Wm. Moller, Oakland.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, Oakland.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. E. Nelander, San Francisco.

Recording Secretary—Miss M. R. Love, San Francisco.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss K. Stuber, Sacramento.

Treasurer—Mrs. Walling, Oakland.

Historian—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, San Francisco.

The President appointed the following Literature Committee: Miss F. Ball, Los Angeles; Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Riverside; Mrs. Ashley, Sacramento.

The cordial invitation to meet in the German Lutheran church, of Sacramento, next year, was accepted.

After singing Hymn 434, "Blest be the tie that binds," the convention adjourned with prayer by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

THIRD SESSION.

SUNDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The opening exercises consisted of violin obligato and an anthem by the choir, "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers presided.

Hymn 213, Book of Worship.

Responsive Scripture reading, 91st Psalm, led by Rev. O. H. Gruver, of Stockton.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bushnell, of Oakland.

Solo, by Mrs. Blake-Alversen.

Address by Mrs. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco.

Music by the choir.

Address by Mr. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco.

Address by Rev. Dr. Rhodes, of St. Louis, Mo.

The offering amounting to $10.55 was donated to the Missionary Society of Oakland.

Hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

The benediction pronounced by Rev. C. F. Oehler, President of Synod, closed the Sixth Annual Convention of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of California.

MINNIE R. LOVE,
Recording Secretary.

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OF THE

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SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

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ALSO,

A SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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Number	Place of Meeting.	Date	Officers.		
			President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding.
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding.
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding.

Synodical Calendar, 1898-1899.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

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SECRETARY.

Rev. J. W. BALL,
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TREASURER.

Mr. JOHN EVERDING,
2116 Mason St., San Francisco, Cal.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—San Diego, Cal.
Date—April 12, 1899.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1898-1899.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.,
Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., Rev. J. E. Hoick,
Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., Rev. Wm. Brandes,
Rev. O. H. Gruver.

EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.,
Rev. H. Gehrcke.

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SACRAMENTO, CAL., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1898, 8 P. M.

The Eighth Annual Convention of California Synod assembled in the German Lutheran church, Sacramento, Cal., Rev. C. F. Oehler, pastor. The liturgical services were conducted by Revs. O. H. Gruver, J. E. Hoick and J. W. Ball, and Rev. C. F. Oehler, the President of Synod, who preached the Synodical sermon, from the text Isa. xl. 1: "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God."

FIRST SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1898, 9 A. M.

After a half hour's devotional service, conducted by Rev. J. E. Hoick, of San Diego, the Synod was formally opened by using the liturgical service and prayer by the President.

The clerical roll was called and lay delegates received and enrolled.

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Residence.	Lay.
	S. Sprecher, D.D., LL.D., *a.e.*	San Diego.	
1856	E. Unangst, D. D., *a. e.*	Hollidaysburg, Pa.	
	M. W. Hamma, D. D., *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	
1877	J. S. Moser	Berkeley.	
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D	Sacramento	Frank Meckfessel.
1881	J. Schmierer, *a. e.*	Monrovia.	
1882	J. E. Bushnell, D. D	Oakland	John C. Walling.
1887	A. Jatho	Oakland	E. Jatho.
1888	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	John Batcher.
1889	Wm. Brandes	Alameda	W. Lieber.
1889	E. Nelander, Ph. D	San Francisco	G. G. Burnett.
1890	Leo Geick, *a. e*	San Francisco.	
1891	V. G. A. Tressler	San José	A. F. Noftz, *a. e.*
1892	H. Gerhrcke	San Francisco	H. Heckman.
1892	O. H. Gruver	Stockton.	
1894	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	Wm. Bosbyshell.
1894	J. E. Hoick	San Diego	P.S.Leisenring,M.D.*a e*
1896	G. H. Hillerman	Riverside	A. D. Roeder, *a. e.*
1897	W. H. Shahan	Florin	J. Everding.
	L. C. Routzahn	Arroyo Grande.	

a. e. Absent and excused.

Advisory Members.

Rev. A. M. L. Herenius, of San José, the fraternal delegate from the California Conference of the Augustana Synod, presented his credentials to the Synod, and was received as an advisory member.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of Home Missions, was received as an advisory member.

President's Report.

Grace and Peace! Beloved Brethren: By the gracious help of God, our Heavenly Father, we have arrived at the end of our seventh year of Synodical existence. We are gathered in this house of God to meet in fraternal communication, to exchange our views and our ideas, to devise new and energetic measures for the extension of His kingdom, to gain new strength and comfort from the merciful hand of Him who promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Whatever the year has been to us—a year of success or of disappointment because we could not achieve greater things for our beloved Master—we nevertheless have many reasons to be thankful unto Him for His manifold and wonderful blessings which He has bestowed upon us, especially for the preservation of our body and of our soul, and for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

LICENSE.

In accordance with the resolution of last year's Synod, the President issued an ad interim license to Bro. W. H. Shahan, who, during the past year, labored in Sacramento county, preaching at different points with the prospect of organizing a Lutheran congregation.

ORDINATION.

On Sunday, July 4, 1897, Bro. George H. Hillerman, called to Riverside, Cal., was duly ordained to the ministry of Christ in the First English Lutheran church of Oakland. Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., preached the ordination sermon, after which the President of Synod led the ordination services, assisted by the brethren of the Synod.

DISMISSALS.

On the 6th day of October, Rev. C. W. Maggart, of San Diego, Cal., sent notice of his resignation and of his intention to take charge of the English Lutheran church at Cedar Rapids, Ia., asking for a dismissal from the California Synod to the Synod of Iowa, which was granted.

ACCESSION.

On March 30, 1898, Rev. J. E. Hoick, of the New York and New Jersey Synod, sent us his dismissal from that Synodical body, asking for admission into the Synod of California. The brother was received into the Synod and the Secretary instructed to place his name upon the roll.

INSTALLATIONS.

1. On the 24th of October, 1897, the President, with the assistance of Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., Revs. A. Jatho, H. Gehrcke and Wm. Brandes, installed Bro. E. Nelander, Ph. D., pastor of the First English Lutheran church of San Francisco, Cal., with appropriate services. The President delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., the charge to the people.

2. On the third day of April, 1898, Rev. Dr. Barnitz, Western Secretary of our Board of Home Missions, installed Rev. J. E. Hoick pastor of the English Lutheran church of San Diego, being previously authorized by the President to do so. He delivered both the charge to the pastor and that to the people.

DEACONESS WORK.

In accordance with the resolution of the last year's Synodical convention, the President entered into correspondence with Rev. G. U. Wenner, of New York, asking in regard to the possibility of getting one of those faithful and devoted workers into the bounds of our Synod. Rev. Wenner replied that at the present no deaconess could be sent to us, but that our wishes would be considered at the proper time.

VISITS OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President paid a visit to some of our churches at different times, but regrets to say that, owing to binding engagements in his own congregation, he was unable to visit every one of them. He hopes that the brethren will pardon him.

The President recommends that again this year, so far as possible and deemed wise by the members of the Synod, delegates be sent to other Lutheran bodies and Synods, in order to increase the fraternal feeling and make possible a better co-operation of Lutheran forces in the United States.

Finally, brethren, we pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon our beloved Church and its different boards and organizations, as well as upon each individual congregation with pastor and people, and that He may permit us to see many fruits in the salvation of many precious souls. We hope and pray that the present crisis, partly due to threatening clouds of war and bloodshed over our country and its people, partly to the expectation of hard times because of failing crops, will, by God's help, be overcome, and that each one of us may again cheerfully and readily go forward with Christ's banner, strengthened in faith and love and power.

Fraternally submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

Election of Officers.

Revs. J. E. Hoick and A. Jatho, and Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell, were appointed tellers.

The following persons were elected officers of Synod:

President—Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

Secretary—Rev. J. W. Ball.

Treasurer—Mr. John Everding.

The election was made unanimous.

The new officers took their respective offices at once.

On motion, the Synod took a recess for ten minutes to allow the President time to arrange his committees.

After the reassembling of Synod the following committees were announced by the President:

List of Committees.

No. 1. *President's Report*—Revs. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and G. H. Hillerman.

No. 2. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., and Mr. H. Heckman.

No. 3. *Apportionment*—Rev. J. S. Moser and Mr. G. G. Burnett.

No. 4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Rev. J. W. Ball and Mr. Frank Meckfessel.

No. 5. *Treasurer's Report*—Rev. O. H. Gruver and Mr. John Batcher.

No. 6. *Parochial Reports*—Revs. G. H. Hillerman and J. E. Hoick.

No. 7. *Resolutions and Temperance*—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., and Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell.

No. 8. *Religious Services*—Revs. C. F. Oehler and W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.

No. 9. *Excess and Deficit*—Rev. A. Jatho and Mr. J. C. Walling.

No. 10. *Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies*—Rev. V. G. A. Tressler and Mr. E. Jatho.

No. 11. *State of the Church*—Revs. H. Gehrcke and Wm. Brandes.

No. 12. *Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. O. H. Gruver and Mr. A. F. Noftz.

No. 13. *Minutes of Last Synod*—Rev. J. E. Hoick and Mr. H. Heckman.

On motion, Rev. A. M. L. Herenius, of San José, President of the California Conference of the Swedish Augustana Synod and fraternal delegate of that body, addressed the Synod in behalf of the California Conference. The address was well received, and a suitable reply was made by the President of Synod.

Parochial Reports.

The parochial reports were then read and handed to the proper committee. (See pp. 30 and 31.)

The hours of meeting were, upon motion, fixed at 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 m.; 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.; and 7:45 p. m.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, to meet at 2:30 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 : 30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Rev. V. G. A. Tressler offered prayer.

The roll was called.

The reading of the minutes was postponed till the next session.

On motion, Rev. John Thompson, D. D., agent of the American Bible Society for California, was granted ten minutes in which to present the claims of his work.

Treasurer's Report. (Appendix A.)

The Treasurer presented his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

A discussion on reporting membership in the parochial reports ended in a motion offered by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, that we adhere to the action of the General Synod as to computing the membership of our churches, and that that rule form the basis of the annual apportionment.

The motion was tabled.

On motion, Synod adjourned.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 7 : 45 P. M.

The liturgical service was conducted by Revs. O. H. Gruver, Wm. Brandes and C. F. Oehler.

A German address was delivered by Rev. H. Gehrcke, subject: "Our Debt to Missions."

English addresses were delivered by Rev. G. H. Hillerman, subject, "Foreign Missions;" and by Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., President of Synod, whose subject was "The Lutheran Church, its history, and what it stands for."

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1898, 9 : 30 A. M.

After devotional services led by Rev. J. W. Ball, Synod was called to order by the President.

After prayer by Rev. C. F. Oehler, the roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Rev. C. F. Oehler was excused from morning session on account of pastoral duties.

Reporters to the church papers were appointed as follows:

Observer—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.

World—Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Evangelist—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Visitor—Rev. J. S. Moser.

Missionary Journal—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.

Kirchenfreund—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

The application of St. Mark's German Lutheran Church of Oakland was, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

On motion, the election of delegates to the General Synod was made the special order for 2 : 30 o'clock this afternoon.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. O. H. Gruver, and, upon motion, was laid on the table till 2 : 00 o'clock this afternoon:

Resolved, That no clerical member of this Synod shall be elected delegate to the General Synod twice in succession, unless he holds such official relation to the General Synod as, in the judgment of this Synod, requires his re-election.

Moved that the report of the Home Mission Committee be made the order of business to follow the election of delegates to the General Synod, and that Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Home Mission Board, be heard at that time.

Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit. (Appendix B.)

The report of the Committee on Excess and Deficit was presented by Rev. A. Jatho. Report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Tressler the order of business was taken up

and the roll was called, each church to answer whether or not its apportionment had been raised, and if not, why not?

San Francisco, English, answered no.
Oakland, English, yes.
Sacramento, English, no.
San Diego, no.
San José, yes, with excess.
Los Angeles, no.
Sacramento, German, no.
Riverside, yes, with excess.
San Francisco, German, yes.
Oakland, German, no.
Stockton, yes, with excess.

On motion, the adoption of the report of the Committee on Excess and Deficit was reconsidered and the report recommitted.

At the request of the W. H. and F. M. Convention, the Synod adjourned until eleven o'clock to visit the Woman's Convention.

Synod was again called to order at the end of the recess and the calling of the roll on the apportionment was concluded.

The motion of Rev. V. G. A. Tressler as to the manner of reporting membership was then taken up and was unanimously adopted: That we adhere to the action of the General Synod as to the computing of membership in our churches, and that that rule form the basis of the annual apportionment. It was ordered printed with the following resolutions from the General Synod minutes of 1897 (page 73):

Resolved, That all confirmed members should be reported as communicants except such as have been suspended or expelled from the communion of the church.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the General Synod that no one can be dropped from the rolls of church membership on earth except in one of three ways, viz: by death, by honorable transfer, or by excommunication.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

The Cuban War.

WHEREAS: Our nation seems to be on the verge of a war with Spain, and in behalf of the struggling Cubans;

1. *Resolved*, That we deeply deplore the conditions that seem to make war

a necessity, and still hope that it may be averted, and that the trouble may be settled consistently with the honor of our government.

2. *Resolved*, That we sympathize with the people of Cuba who have so bravely struggled to obtain their freedom.

3. *Resolved*, That we pray God's favor and wisdom to guide the President of the United States and all in authority in this time of the nation's crisis.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON, Sc. D.,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

Adopted by rising vote and with prayer by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.

The following resolutions upon the deaths of Rev. D. A. Day, D. D., and Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D. LL. D., were presented at the same time by the Committee on Resolutions and adopted by rising vote:

Death of Dr. Day.

WHEREAS, It is with sorrow of heart we have learned of the death of Dr. David A. Day, our devoted missionary to Africa and hero of the faith,

1. *Resolved*, That with joy of heart and gratitude to God we note his faithful, self-sacrificing work in the cause of Christ.

2. *Resolved*, That our church and the great cause of Missions sustain in his death a heavy loss, to which we humbly bow in submission to our Father's will.

3. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with her who stood by him in his hours of sickness and death, and commend her to God's keeping grace.

4. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves anew to the cause so dear to the heart of our brother.

We recommend that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the widow of Dr. Day, also to our church papers; and that we hold some fitting memorial service during this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON, Sc. D.,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

Death of Dr. Conrad.

WHEREAS, We have just learned of the death of Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D., one of the oldest and best known ministers of our Lutheran Church,

1. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with those loved ones nearest to him, and commend them to our Father's care.

2. *Resolved*, That we praise God for his long and useful life in the service of Christ and of His Church.

3. *Resolved*, That in him our Church has always had a bold defender, fearlessly standing for "the faith once committed to the saints," ever in front of every good cause in the interest of humanity, but toiling on with consuming enthusiasm for the salvation of souls.

4. *Resolved*, That in his death our Church and country have sustained a heavy loss, to which we humbly bow in submission to Him who has seen fit to call our brother to his reward. We pray the Lord of the harvest that He may raise up and send forth other laborers into His harvest.

We recommend that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the friends of the deceased, and also to our Church papers, and that the same be spread upon our minutes; also that some fitting memorial service be held during this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON, Sc. D.,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

On motion, it was decided to hold the memorial services in honor of Rev. D. A. Day, D. D., and Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D., after adjournment this afternoon.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. O. H. Gruver.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1 : 30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Moser, after which the roll was called.

An invitation was extended to Synod by the congregation at San Diego through their pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoick, to meet in their church in 1899, and was unanimously accepted.

The minutes were then read, and after correction adopted.

The resolution offered by Rev. O. H. Gruver, that no clerical member of this Synod be elected delegate to the General Synod twice in succession, unless he hold such official relation to the General Synod as, in the judgment of this Synod, requires his re-election, was adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee have examined the books and report of the Treasurer of Synod, which we find to be incomplete because of the delay of some of the churches in remitting money to the Treasurer previous to the meeting of

Synod. We, however, find the accounts correct so far as completed, and urge that the Treasurer's accounts close hereafter before the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, O. H. GRUVER,
JOHN BATCHER.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We notice with pleasure that the President speaks hopefully in regard to the work of Synod. He offers only the following recommendation, which we respectfully submit for appropriate action: "That again this year, so far as possible and deemed wise by the members of the Synod, delegates be sent to other Lutheran bodies and Synods, in order to increase the fraternal feeling and make possible a better co-operation of Lutheran forces in the United States."

We also notice the suggestion that the Synod encourage the efforts to introduce a Deaconess service for our congregations. It would be well for those congregations desiring the services of a deaconess to co-operate with the President.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. BUSHNELL,
G. H. HILLERMAN.

The report was adopted.

The amended report of the Committee on Excess and Deficit was presented and adopted.

An invitation from the English Lutheran church of Sacramento to a reception to the Synod and Missionary Convention after the service this evening at their church, was presented by the pastor, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., and accepted unanimously.

On motion of Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, a committee of three was appointed to submit a new list of questions on State of the Church at the next Synod. The following were appointed: Revs. V. G. A. Tressler, O. H. Gruver and J. E. Bushnell, D. D.

Upon motion, the President, Secretary and Pastor loci were appointed a committee to prepare program for next year, to be reported at this convention of Synod.

Moved that Committee on Church Extension be granted five minutes in which to present their report.

Report of Committee on Church Extension.

The German Lutheran Church of Oakland, Cal., Rev. A. Jatho, pastor, petitions for a loan of $3,000.00 from the honorable Board of Church Extension. As upon the granting of this loan depends the wiping out of the whole debt

as well as the future welfare of the congregation, we feel that, in view of these important facts, we cannot but most heartily and urgingly recommend that the loan be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. OEHLER,
W. S. HOSKINSON,
WM. BRANDES.

The report was adopted.

It was then resolved that the application of the St. Mark's German Lutheran Church of Oakland be presented to the Board of Church Extension by a committee consisting of the President and Secretary of Synod, the Chairman of the Church Extension Committee, the pastor *loci*, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., Messrs. G. G. Burnett and John Everding.

The hour having arrived for the election of Delegates to the General Synod, Mr. John C. Walling and Rev. O. H. Gruver were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows:

DELEGATES.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D.,	Mr. G. G. Burnett,
Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.	Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell.

ALTERNATES.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. C. F. Oehler,	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.,
Rev. J. W. Ball.	Wm. Moller.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of Home Mission Board, then addressed the Synod.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following additional resolutions, which were adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That it gives us great pleasure to have with us the Western Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and that we return our thanks to the Home Mission Board for sending him to us at this time.

2. *Resolved*, That we feel grateful for the hearty support given and constant interest taken by the Woman's Board and the Home Mission Board in the work in California, and that we pledge our constant support to help these Boards in Home Mission work.

3. *Resolved*, That we are gratified to learn of the progress made by the Board of Education in its work, and that we pledge to this Board our continued support.

4. *Resolved*, That we likewise have fullest confidence in the Foreign Mission Board; that we pledge them hearty co-operation and deprecate any discussion which might result in weakening the influence of the Board and unsettling the confidence of the Church in the same.

5. *Resolved*, That we are pleased to learn such good reports from our Publication Society, and hope it may soon have its proposed enlarged facilities for work, and we also desire to have a copy of the *Missionary Journal* taken by every home.

Report of Committee on the Apportionment. (Appendix C.)

This report was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. J. S. Moser, and adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Your Committee on the State of the Church has examined with care the reports from the different churches. Eleven reports were handed to the Committee.

(1) There are of male members, 486; female members, 709. There is a gain of 50 members over last report.

(2) Eleven Sunday-schools are reported with 1,458 scholars enrolled. The average attendance was 924. Church members working in these schools, 185.

(3) Church attendance is reported to be: morning attendance, about 81 per cent.; evening attendance, about 50 per cent. Prayer-meeting attendance is about 14 per cent.

With thanks to our God we state that the attendance of church members was larger than in the last report. So far, then, as we have the facts, we are thankful to report good progress, especially in the church attendance. Let us pray to our God that He may hold us firm in preaching the pure gospel and our people in hearing and acting according to it, thus glorifying the name of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted, H. GEHRCKE,
WM. BRANDES.

Adopted.

On motion, it was decided to hold the memorial services in honor of Rev. D. A. Day, D. D., and Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D., to-morrow morning at the hour of devotional services.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 7 : 45 P. M.

The evening service was held at the English Lutheran Church, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., pastor.

The liturgical service was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Revs. J. S. Moser, V. G. A. Tressler and J. E. Hoick.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. W. Ball, subject, "Lutheranism for Lutherans," and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., on "The Home Mission Field."

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1898, 9 : 30 A. M.

A memorial service was held in honor of Rev. David A. Day, D. D., late missionary at Monrovia, Liberia, and Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D., late editor of the *Lutheran Observer*. The service was conducted by the President of Synod. Suitable hymns were sung and prayers offered. Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., who was intimately acquainted with both men, spoke feelingly of their services to the Church.

Synod then proceeded to the transaction of business, after prayer by Rev. H. Gehrcke.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and adopted.

The following standing committees were appointed :

Home Missions—Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and Rev. V. G. A. Tressler.

Church Extension—Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., J. E. Hoick and G. H. Hillerman.

Beneficiary Education—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., Wm. Brandes and O. H. Gruver.

Examination for the Ministry—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., J. E. Bushnell, D. D. and H. Gehrcke.

On motion the following committee was appointed to revise the constitution and report at next convention of Synod: Revs. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., V. G. A. Tressler and G. H. Hillerman.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee have received a cordial letter of greeting from Rev. M. L. Zweizig, of Portland, Oregon, with reference to union of English Lutherans. In reply we would say that we reciprocate the feelings he expresses and shall lend our support towards a cordial fellowship, and shall hail the day with joy when there shall be a united English Lutheran Church.

Your Committee have in possession a letter of greeting from Dr. C. S. Albert. In reply we would express our regrets that he could not be among us at this meeting of Synod, and hope that at some time soon he may visit the Coast Missions. We wish also to express our appreciation of the valuable work done by him in our Sunday-school literature as Literary Editor of the Board of Publication.

W. S. HOSKINSON.

The report was adopted.

On motion the President of Synod was appointed fraternal delegate to the next convention of the California Conference of the Augustana Synod.

On motion of Rev. Tressler, the Sunday-school and Young People's Societies were made a part of the program for evening sessions of the next Synod.

Moved, that we express our satisfaction with the work of Rev. W. H. Shahan during the past year, and that we tender him our sincere sympathy in his recent affliction.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your Committee respectfully present the following report:

All the ministers except seven are or have been present. All the congregations elected delegates to Synod. Requests to be excused have come from Revs. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., E. Unangst, D. D., M. W. Hamma, D. D., J. Schmierer and Leo Geick; and from Messrs. P. S. Leisenring, M. D., A. D. Roeder and A. F. Noftz. We recommend that these be excused. We recommend also that the following be excused from the remaining sessions: Rev. Wm. Brandes, Mr. J. Everding and Mr. J. C. Walling.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
FRANK MECKFESSEL.

Adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to write Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., acknowledging receipt of $10.00 by the Synod and expressing the hope that he may be present at next Synod, while also notifying him of his election as delegate to General Synod.

Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools and Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies beg leave to report to you that increasing interest is begetting increased activity along the lines suggestive of the building up of our youth in the body of Christ.

Lutheran pastors, naturally, by their heritage of catechetical instruction, ought to be and by right are profoundly, personally and persistently interested in their young people's growth in grace and the pious activities of the Church. To them the enthroning of Christ in the soul comes through the Word, and the study of the Word means the indoctrination of the generations which are to be in future the heart of our great Church. As the Sunday-school is true to its mission of instruction and the Young People's Society loyal to its mission in practicalizing this Word along the lines laid down, they have and must have our heartfelt support. But both of them must be of the Church, for the Church and by the Church, which alone is divine in its origin and head.

Permit this Committee to call special attention of our churches to the most excellent report upon this subject presented to the last General Synod and printed in the minutes of that body. Our statistics of Sunday-schools in the General Synod are as follows:

Number of schools	1,557
Officers and teachers	23,354
Scholars	185,354
For support of school and local objects	$105,109 10
For benevolence	16,853 04

In California our work in Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies tabulates as follows:

	1897.	1898.
Sunday-schools	14	13
Officers and teachers	150	147
Scholars	1486	1530
Contributions for local expenses	$1,317 57	$1,247 60
Contributions for benevolence	248 69	236 01
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.		
Number of members	280	290
Contributions for local expenses	$206 20	$295 78
Contributions for benevolence	161 00	124 85

We recommend:

1. That the magnificent supplies published by our House, of which Dr.

Albert is the accomplished editor, be most heartily endorsed and our Sunday-schools urged to use them even more largely. Printer's ink pays in the Lord's business as well as elsewhere.

2. That we urge the regular use in the Sunday-school sessions, of that part of the Catechism printed in our Augsburg Lesson helps.

3. That the Secretary of the Synod be authorized to officially recommend to the General Synod's representative on the International Lesson Committee the fuller use of the church year in the international lesson system, assuring him that California Synod urgently desires such recognition, and trusts our representative may use his best efforts on this behalf.

4. That we respectfully ask that the committee having in charge the program for the next Synod, see that at least one speaker represent at one evening session the vast interests involved in the Sunday-school and Young People's work.

Respectfully submitted, V. G. A. TRESSLER.

Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Meeting submit the following report:

1. On page 27 the officers of Synod were instructed to secure the services of a deaconess for our work on the coast. Will the present officers be empowered to continue this effort?

2. On page 29 Mr. W. H. Shahan was recommended for *ad interim* license. How long does this remain in force?

3. One of our pastors reports under the head of catechumens, 125, on the ground that those in the Sunday-schools were under catechetical instruction. Is this proper?

4. The minutes are beautifully printed in clear type and with good arrangement—a sample of the excellent results produced by our Publication House which is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK.

Report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Answered yes.

Item 2. Expires after one year.

Item 3. No.

Item 4. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we extend hearty thanks to the pastor and people of the German Lutheran church of Sacramento, Cal., for their kind hospitality in opening their hearts and homes for the entertainment of Synod; to the ladies

for the beautiful decorations and the bountiful repasts; also to the choir for their excellent and inspiring music.

Resolved, That we thank the city papers for the extended notices of our Synodical sessions.

Resolved, That we extend to Dr. Hoskinson and his people our appreciative thanks for their reception on Friday evening.

Resolved, That these resolutions be read by the President of Synod at the closing service on Sunday evening.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence present the following:

It is with real pleasure that we call attention to the constantly increasing interest taken in this important branch of church work by our churches. Each year the benevolent contributions are greater than the preceding year. Many churches observe the special days recommended by the various Boards. The envelope system seems to be the prevalent one in use. The quarterly communion seasons are special times for benevolent efforts in many congregations, and some few are sporadic in their contributions for the benevolent work of the Church.

Regularity, persistence and method are the three great requisites of success in this branch of work. One method will not be successful in all fields. No method, not vigorously pressed, will be successful in any field; and all methods have advantages peculiar to themselves and are not without some good.

Your committee, therefore, do not recommend any particular method, but regularity and persistence in the method adopted, so that the congregation may be educated to give "not grudgingly, nor of necessity; for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Respectfully submitted, O. H. GRUVER.

Adopted.

Report of Devotional Committee.

Devotional Committee makes the following appointments for the Sunday services:

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., to preach in the Sixth Street Methodist church.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, to the Westminster Presbyterian church.

Rev. J. E. Hoick and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., to the English Lutheran church.

Rev. A. Jatho, to the German Lutheran church.

Revs. V. G. A. Tressler and G. H. Hillerman, to the Y. M. C. A., at 3:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted, C. F. OEHLER,
W. S. HOSKINSON.

Adopted.

Moved that when we adjourn we do so to meet in Ministerium.

Moved that 500 copies of minutes of Synod and Woman's Convention for current year be printed.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby convey to the North Carolina Synod, which is about to assemble in its 95th convention, the fraternal greetings of the Synod of California.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports.

Your Committee on Parochial Reports having finished their work, submit their report as follows: (Appendix D.)

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. HILLERMAN,
J. E. HOICK.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Programme for Next Synod.

Your Committee reports the programme for next meeting of Synod as follows:

Wednesday Evening—Communion Service—Synodical sermon by President.

Thursday Evening—Home Missions—Rev. C. F. Oehler; alternate, Rev. J. S. Moser.

Church Extension—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.; alternate, Rev. W. Brandes.

Friday Afternoon—Discussion: Doctrinal, Art. I. Augsburg Confession—Rev. J. W. Ball; alternate, Rev. A. Jatho.

Practical, Cathechisation—Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.; alternate, Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Friday Evening—Deaconess Work—Rev. G. H. Hillerman; alternate, Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D.; alternate, Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Saturday Evening—Sunday-Schools and Young People's Societies—Rev. V. G. A. Tressler; alternate, P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Sunday—Ordination Sermon—Rev. O. H. Gruver; alternate, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER,
J. W. BALL,
J. E. HOICK.

American Bible Society.

The following was reported from the Committee on Resolutions and adopted:

Resolved, That we commend the California Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, to our people, and that we shall render it such assistance as lies within our power.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

On motion, it was ordered that the sexton of the church be paid the sum of $5.00 for services during sessions of Synod.

The minutes were then read and approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet in First English Church of San Diego, Rev. J. E. Hoick, pastor, April 12, 1899.

Prayer was offered by the President, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1898.

Ministerium was called to order by the President immediately after adjournment of Synod.

Rev. J. W. Ball led in prayer.

The report of the Committee on Examination for the Ministry was presented by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., Chairman.

On motion, Ministerium adjourned to meet at 1 : 30 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1898, 1 : 30 P. M.

Ministerium was again called to order, and after prayer by Rev. J. E. Hoick, the business was resumed.

The following is the report of the Examining Committee as adopted :

Report of the Examining Committee.

Your Committee have had before them Mr. Payson J. L. Young, and have examined him for licensure. We find him not sufficiently prepared on all subjects, but recommend that he be given encouragement, and asked to place himself under the guidance of the Committee in his studies, and that we grant the

President of Synod authority to give him *ad interim* license, if in his judgment and that of the Committee it is advisable. We recommend also that he unite himself with the Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. E. BUSHNELL,
H. GEHRCKE.

On motion, Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.

J. W. BALL, *Secretary*.

JOHN EVERDING, *Treasurer, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from May 4, 1897, to April 20, 1898.*

	General Synod....	Synodical Treasury..	Home Missions..	Foreign Missions..	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.....	Orphans' Home....	Deaconess' Board	External Objects ...	Home for Aged.....	Totals.....
To balance	$1 50	$86 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$88 03
Sacramento (German)	2 63	23 50	$45 28	$35 22	$36 22	.....	$17 50	$4 00	$6 12	$9 00	$4 75	184 22
San Diego	1 00	5 00	31 42	15 00	10 00	$1 18	2 00	6 00	1 00	.....	1 00	73 60
San Jose	2 10	14 00	36 13	28 17	28 83	14 00	14 00	7 00	4 90	.....	7 00	156 13
San Francisco (English)	2 27	15 10	39 07	31 37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 81
Sacramento (English)	1 85	10 00	31 57	24 55	24 55	12 20	4 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	109 00
Los Angeles	3 03	4 65	52 27	40 65	40 65	20 20	20 20	10 10	7 07	.....	10 10	208 92
Riverside	60	3 90	22 94	17 00	8 16	4 00	4 00	3 00	1 90	.....	2 00	67 50
Oakland (English)	1 53	10 20	26 39	20 53	20 53	10 20	10 20	5 10	3 57	.....	5 10	113 35
Oakland (German)	.....	.....	4 60	.....	4 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 20
San Francisco (German)	44	2 90	7 50	5 84	5 84	2 90	2 90	1 45	1 02	.....	1 45	32 24
Alameda	60	3 90	10 10	7 85	7 85	3 90	3 90	1 95	1 40	.....	1 95	43 40
Stockton	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50
Dr. Hamma Donation	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Amount received	$17 52	$199 68	$307 27	$226 18	$191 73	$68 58	$78 98	$38 60	$26 98	$9 00	$33 35	$1197 90
Amount remitted	17 52	.....	307 27	226 18	191 73	68 58	78 98	38 60	26 98	9 00	33 35	998 22
Difference	.....	$199 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$199 68

By Lutheran Publication Society for Minutes	$76 89
Oakland Local Church Expenses	5 00
Treasurer's Expenses	5 10
Printing	6 00
Ledger	50
Rev. Tressler's Traveling Expenses	16 00
Mr. Knollenberg from Rev. Oehler	6 00
Total Expenses	$115 49

Synodical Treasury	$199 68
From Rev. C. F. Oehler, Sacramento German Church	6 00
	$205 68
Total Expenses	115 49
Cash on hand	$90 19

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN EVERDING, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX B.—Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.			Board of Education.		
	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.
San Francisco	$2 27	.....	.....	$15 10	.....	.....	$39 07	.....	.....	$30 39	.....	.....	.....	.....	$30 39	.....	.....	$15 10
Oakland	1 53	.....	.....	10 20	.....	.....	26 39	.....	.....	20 53	.....	.....	$20 53	.....	.....	$10 20	.....	.....
Sacramento	1 85	$0 02	.....	10 00	.....	$2 20	31 57	.....	.....	24 55	.....	.....	24 55	.....	.....	12 20	.....	.....
San Diego	1 00	.....	$0 88	5 00	.....	7 50	31 42	.....	$1 08	15 00	.....	$10 16	10 00	.....	15 16	1 18	.....	11 32
San Jose	2 10	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	36 13	$0 76	.....	28 17	.....	.....	28 83	$0 66	.....	14 00	.....	.....
Los Angeles	3 03	.....	.....	20 20	.....	.....	52 27	.....	.....	40 65	.....	.....	40 65	.....	.....	4 65	.....	15 55
Sacramento, German	2 63	.....	.....	17 50	.....	.....	45 28	.....	.....	32 22	.....	.....	36 22	1 00	.....	*6 00	.....	17 50
Riverside	60	01	.....	3 90	.....	.....	22 94	12 85	....	17 00	$9 15	.....	8 16	31	.....	4 00	$0 10	.....
San Francisco, German	44	.....	.....	2 90	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	5 84	.....	.....	5 84	.....	.....	2 90	.....	.....
Oakland, German	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	2 50	4 60	.....	1 87	.....	.....	5 03	4 60	.....	.....	3 90	.....	.....
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Dr. Hamma	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

	Home for Aged.			Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Deaconess Board.			Totals.		
	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid...	Excess.	Deficit.
San Francisco	.....	.....	$7 55	.....	.....	$15 10	.....	.....	$7 55	.....	.....	$5 28	$86 83	.....	$80 97
Oakland	$5 10	.....	.....	$10 20	.....	.....	$5 10	.....	.....	$3 57	.....	.....	113 35	.....	
Sacramento	.....	.....	6 10	4 28	.....	7 92	.....	.....	6 10	.....	.....	4 27	109 00	.....	26 57
San Diego	1 00	.....	5 25	1 00	.....	11 50	6 00	.....	25	1 00	.....	3 37	73 60	.....	65 31
San Jose	7 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	4 90	.....	.....	156 13	$c 56	
Los Angeles	10 10	.....	.....	20 20	.....	.....	10 10	.....	.....	7 07	.....	.....	208 92	.....	15 55
Sacramento, German	4 75	.....	4 00	17 50	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 75	6 12	.....	.....	184 22	.....	10 25
Riverside	2 00	$0 05	.....	4 00	$0 10	.....	3 00	1 05	.....	1 90	$0 53	.....	67 50	24 16	
San Francisco, German	1 45	.....	.....	2 90	.....	.....	1 45	.....	.....	1 02	.....	.....	32 24	01	
Oakland, German	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	87	9 20	.....	16 50
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REV. A. JATHO, JOHN C. WALLING.

APPENDIX C

Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1898-1899.

	Members	General Synod	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Home for the Aged	Orphans' Home	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	Synodical Expenses	Total
Rate		.01½	.25⅞	.20⅛	.20⅛	.10	.05	.05	.10	.03½	.10	$1.11⅛
San Francisco, Rev. Nelander	182	$2 73	$47 09	$36 63	$36 63	$18 20	$9 10	$9 10	$18 20	$6 37	$18 20	202 24
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	30	45	7 75	6 03	6 03	3 00	1 50	1 50	3 00	1 05	3 00	33 31
Oakland, Rev. Bushnell	118	1 77	30 33	23 75	23 75	11 80	5 90	5 90	11 80	4 13	11 80	131 13
Oakland, Rev. Jatho	32	48	8 28	6 44	6 44	3 20	1 60	1 60	3 20	1 14	3 20	35 58
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	130	1 95	33 62	26 16	26 16	13 00	6 50	6 50	13 00	4 65	13 00	144 46
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	175	2 63	45 28	35 22	35 22	17 50	8 75	8 75	17 50	6 10	17 50	194 47
San José, Rev. Tressler	150	2 25	38 76	31 26	31 26	15 00	7 50	7 50	15 00	5 25	15 00	167 76
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	43	65	11 15	9 00	9 00	4 30	2 15	2 15	4 30	1 69	4 30	48 13
Riverside, Rev. Hillerman	42	63	10 88	8 80	8 80	4 20	2 10	2 10	4 20	1 65	4 20	47 02
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	97	1 45	25 10	19 52	19 52	9 70	4 85	4 85	9 70	3 40	9 70	107 79
Los Angeles, Rev. Ball	215	3 23	55 75	43 12	43 12	21 50	10 75	10 75	21 50	7 62	21 50	238 91
Total	1214	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1350 90

Respectfully submitted, J. S. MOSER, G. G. BURNETT.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below
E. Nelander, Ph. D., 1319 Geary St., San Francisco	First English Luth.	1	..	2	..	19	2	2	....	46	...	22	13	..	182	$55000 00	$9700 00	$3977 13	1
Jesse W. Ball, 718 W. 8th St., Los Angeles	First English Luth.	1	..	3	.	2	2	8	7	19	1	8	17	4	215	25000 00	5500 00	2240 66	2
J. E. Hoick, San Diego	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	....	1	5	23	....	....	....	....	1	97	15000 00	6300 00	802 87	3
W. S. Hoskinson, 1309 O St., Sacramento	First English Luth.	1	1	2	..	14	8	4	19	20	3	16	4	16	130	20000 00	2450 00	3734 00	4
J. E. Bushnell, 817 16th St., Oakland	First English Luth.	1	..	2	..	13	....	1	....	6	2	7	6	2	118	22000 00	7000 00	1295 09	5
V. G. A. Tressler, 55 E. Julian St., San José	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	15	....	6	17	18	3	6	4	20	150	15000 00	3500 00	1361 00	6
G. H. Hillerman, 154 Orange St., Riverside	Trinity Lutheran	1	..	..	..	8	1	2	1	6	2	2	1	2	42	75 00	.....	245 03	7
Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St., Sacramento	German Lutheran	1	..	1	..	27	4	....	13	57	....	17	....	..	175	20000 00	1100 00	2430 00	8
Herman Gehrcke, 741 G. G. Ave., San Francisco	St. Matthew's Ger. Lutheran	..	..	..	..	12	....	....	....	25	....	....	1	..	30	490 00	.....	1356 95	9
A. Jatho, 861 Myrtle St., Oakland	St. Markus German Evan. Luth.	1	..	..	..	7	....	....	2	22	....	7	2	..	32	10000 00	5000 00	1178 45	10
W. Brandes, 752 Pacific Ave., Alameda	Christ German Luth.	1	1	..	..	14	....	....	7	33	4	7	....	..	43	2400 00	1100 00	805 00	11
Totals for 1898	.....	11	2	14	..	131	19	28	89	243	15	92	48	45	1244	$184965 00	41650 00	$19425 23	12
Totals for 1897	.....	12	3	12	..	246	23	31	104	176	8	110	59	69	1194	184115 00	40214 00	20213 11	13
Year's Gain	.....	..	..	2	..	....	....	....	....	67	7	....	....	..	20	$850 00	$1436 00	.....	14
Year's Loss	.....	1	1	..	..	115	4	3	15	..	..	18	11	24	....	.....	.....	$787 88	15

NOTE.—The Napa Congregation, recorded in last year's report, was never admitted into the Synod.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	18	151	$149 50	$31 50	43	$30 45	$72 85	$1 48	$15 10	$189 07	$30 39	$30 39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$266 43	$4093 53
2	1	19	150	175 40	21 26	63	45 37	4 85	3 03	4 65	155 27	40 65	40 65	$20 20	.....	$36 50	$20 20	$10 10	$7 07	$10 10	$59 85	408 27	2628 93
3	1	22	200	105 57	39 68	31	3 85	4 15	1 00	5 00	25 00	15 00	10 00	1 18	$1 00	18 10	1 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	.....	85 28	888 15
4	1	12	140	103 50	.....	45	75 00	.....	1 85	10 00	31 47	24 55	24 55	12 20	.....	30 15	4 28	....	.....	.....	30 00	169 05	3951 55
5	1	14	157	97 25	25 00	27	40 00	2 00	1 53	10 20	26 39	20 53	20 53	2 90	.....	14 10	2 90	1 45	1 02	1 45	67 00	127 45	1449 54
6	1	12	153	111 16	43 20	46	25 50	16 00	2 10	14 00	35 87	28 17	28 83	14 00	.....	21 00	14 00	7 00	4 90	7 00	5 00	181 87	1542 87
7	1	11	53	48 72	37 22	....	.....	.....	60	3 90	27 94	17 00	9 26	4 00	.....	12 65	4 00	3 00	1 90	2 00	.....	86 25	331 28
8	1	13	180	280 00	30 00	35	75 00	25 00	2 63	17 50	45 28	35 22	36 22	*45 00	.....	211 75	17 50	4 00	6 12	4 75	35 50	461 47	4202 47
9	1	6	88	92 70	.....	....	.....	.....	45	2 90	7 50	5 85	5 84	2 90	.....	89 50	2 90	1 45	1 02	1 45	.....	121 75	1571 40
10	1	6	81	73 50	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 60	.....	4 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 20	1187 65
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13	14	150	1530	1312 56	248 69	280	206 20	61 00	14 15	90 30	289 37	203 49	213 54	87 27	*85 00	431 84	82 02	39 90	28 64	38 95	139 15	1757 52	22364 76
14	..	..	..	.....	.....	10	$88 97	$63 85	$1 12	.....	$264 52	$21 72	$0 58	$19 01	.....	$10 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	$60 70	$105 40	$491 04
15	3	11	116	$64 96	$12 68	....	.....	.....	.....	$3 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	$84 00	.....	$11 34	$4 95	$4 21	$9 25	.....	.....	.....

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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1898, 2 P. M.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod assembled in the German Lutheran Church, of Sacramento, Rev. C. F. Oehler, pastor.

The session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Miss M. R. Love, who announced hymn No. 454, Book of Worship, and reading of the 91st Psalm, by Mrs. C. F. Oehler, Sacramento.

Prayer for consecration by Mrs. Lothammer, Sacramento.

The delegates then presented their credentials, which were enrolled as follows:

Sacramento—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Gruenwald, Mrs. F. Meckfessel, Mrs. A. Lothammer (German church).

Young People's Society—Lilian A. Meiss (English church). Carrie A. Lothammer (German church).

Oakland—Mrs. H. Peterson.
Alameda—Mrs. A. Kuchmeister.
San José—Mrs. L. E. Zabriskie.
Mrs. W. Gregg.
San Francisco—Mrs. G. G. Burnett (English church).
Miss M. A. Falcke (German church).

No delegates from Riverside, Los Angeles uor San Diego.

The President declared the Convention formally organized, and ready to transact business.

Rules of order were read from the chair.

Miss K. Stuber, of Sacramento, most cordially welcomed the delegates in behalf of the congregation.

The response, in behalf of the delegates, was very graciously given by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, of Oakland.

Then followed the address of the President, Mrs. J. Everding:

President's Address.

Dear Sisters: Again it is our pleasure to greet you in our missionary convention. Although not quite a year has passed since we last met in this capacity, yet we trust that some good work has been done by the Auxiliaries. It was a pleasure to me to meet the members of our church in Alameda and assist in the formation of another Auxiliary Society. We are gradually increasing in numbers, and we look to a more extended membership in future years.

I addressed the Young People's Society of the First Church and explained the Constitution and urged them to take this literature and become more acquainted with missionary work.

In my official capacity I visited the Oakland Auxiliary Society and found, with pleasure, reports were encouraging. The other Societies being at a distance, I could only cheer them by letter.

We note with thanksgiving to God the preservation of the lives of our members during this year and of the good report of the work of the Societies that I have received. While sickness has afflicted some of the officers, yet they are still left to cheer us with their prayers and counsels.

I would repeat the suggestions of the last convention in urging upon our Societies the formation of Young People's Auxiliaries and Children's Bands, and the importance of enlisting their ardent and youthful co-operation in our work.

Dr. Day, one of our foreign missionaries, has entered into his eternal rest since we last met. I suggest that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Day by our Corresponding Secretary, and a resolution of sympathy with her in her affliction be passed by this convention.

Dear sisters, we are working together for a great end. Our efforts may seem feeble, but they are owned and approved by our Master, who gives us this work to do for Him. In this large and mighty State are hundreds and thousands of youth growing up to mature age who are without the means of grace which are enjoyed in other and older States. It is our high privilege to assist our Synod in this work of giving them churches and evangelizing the State. I would earnestly urge upon every Society to enable us by the next meeting to present to the Home Board a better record than ever before. Let us all work with diligence and faithfulness, aided by earnest prayer, for the accomplishment of greater and higher development of our Society.

That a spirit of peace and harmony may prevail amongst us is my sincere prayer.

An interesting letter was read from Dr. A. Kugler, a returned missionary, of Guntur, India.

Greetings from Los Angeles were received, wishing special blessing for a profitable meeting.

Greetings from sister churches were presented by their respective delegates.

A hearty greeting in behalf of the Fourteenth Street Presbyterian church was extended by Mrs. L. T. Hatfield, who gave an interesting and instructive talk on Missions, which was listened to with much pleasure and appreciation.

Encouraging reports were given by the Standing Committees.

Mrs. K. Stuber, Corresponding Secretary, read her report.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. Walling, was next presented.

The report of the Chairman of the Literature Committee was read by the Secretary.

Then followed the reports of Auxiliary delegates, showing that the work was steadily progressing.

After the singing of a hymn, the Historian presented her report, as follows:

Historian's Report.

SAN FRANCISCO AUXILIARY.

This Society is in its usual good condition. Interest is increasing. Number of members, 25; Journals taken, 8; Mission Studies, 1; amount raised since last convention in July, $56.50.

ST. MATTHEW'S, GERMAN, SAN FRANCISCO.

This Society is doing well. Mrs. Mauch, the President, is faithfully serving

for the third year. She takes an active part in the work, and thus encourages the members greatly. Number of members, 54; Journals taken, 4; amount of funds raised for all purposes, $78.70.

OAKLAND, ENGLISH, AUXILIARY

Reports an increased interest and attendance in our Society. Great attention is given to the literature furnished by our General Society. Topic cards are used. Number of members, 23; number of Journals, 8; Mission Studies, 1; funds sent to General Treasurer, $14.10.

LOS ANGELES AUXILIARY

Reports satisfactory progress and interest. Number of members, 20; number of Journals taken, 16; Mission Studies, 1. Amount of funds raised for all purposes, $30.90.

SACRAMENTO ENGLISH AUXILIARY.

This society reports fairly prosperous. Number of members, 26; the attendance averages 12; the meetings are interesting and profitable. We use topic and Bible reading. A box of clothing, pictures, etc., was sent by us to the Indians last Christmas. Amount of funds raised for all purposes, $24.40; number of Journals taken, 7; Mission Studies, 3.

SACRAMENTO GERMAN AUXILIARY.

Our society has been earnestly at work in the missionary spirit. Our president and members are fully devoted to the work. Number of members, 56; amount of funds raised for all purposes, including a payment on their church debt, $211.75.

SAN DIEGO AUXILIARY.

Our society very nearly disbanded. Miss Young, our efficient President, removed to Los Angeles. Our pulpit was vacant a long time. We lost interest in the society. Now we are hoping for a renewed spirit of activity, as we have a pastor again.

SAN JOSÉ AUXILIARY.

The standing of our society is fair. Number of members, 22; average attendance, 8. Number of Journals taken, 20; Mission Studies, 2. Funds raised during the time since last convention, $22.00. The pastor always attends, and deep interest is taken in the work.

RIVERSIDE AUXILIARY.

Amount of money raised, $12.65; number of Journals taken, 10; Mission Studies, 2; children's papers, 25; members, 9. Much interest is felt in the meetings.

ALAMEDA AUXILIARY.

This society was organized September 1, 1897. Number of members, 25. Funds raised, $12.40.

The President appointed the following committees:

List of Committees.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. G. G. Burnett, Miss Falcke.

President's Address and Historian's Report—Miss Stuber, Mrs. Zabriskie.

Letters, Greetings and Papers—Mrs. Oehler, Miss Peterson.

Resolutions—Mrs. Hoskinson, Mrs. J. E. Bushnell.

Literature Committee—Mrs. J. Walling, Mrs. Nelander.

Daily Papers—Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Gruenwald.

Observer—Mrs. G. G. Burnett.

Missionary Journal—Miss M. R. Love.

Church Papers—Mrs. J. E. Bushnell.

The World—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

Brief addresses were made by members of the Convention concerning mission work, which were listened to with much interest.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy and regret at her absence to Mrs. Wm. Moller, of Oakland.

After singing hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," sentence prayers were engaged in.

Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson here extended an invitation to attend a reception to be given Friday evening in the parlors of the English church.

The session closed by singing the Doxology.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 : 30 A. M.

The session opened with devotional service, conducted by Mrs. J. Walling, of Oakland.

Hymn 213, Book of Worship.

Responsive Scripture reading, Romans 8th chapter.

Offering of prayer for consecration by Miss K. Stuber, of Sacramento.

After the calling of the roll, minutes were read and on motion approved.

The various committees then presented reports as follows:

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, the Committee appointed for that purpose, have examined the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, and find them correct in all respects.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. G. BURNETT,
MISS A. FALCKE.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Your Committee have examined the President's address, and would recommend that it be approved and printed in the minutes.

We call especial attention to the following points:

1. That we rejoice in the progress of various Auxiliaries, and especially that a new society has been formed in the German church of Alameda.
2. That we seek to respond to the appeals for assisting new churches.
3. That we continue to urge upon taking and reading missionary literature.
4. Found it full of enthusiasm, and the future work is promising to encourage a greater interest among the Christian Endeavor Societies and Children's Band.
5. That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Day.
6. That the success of the work greatly depends upon individual consecration to our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted, MISS K. STUBER,
MRS. L. ZABRISKIE.

Report of Committee on Historian's Report.

Your Committee have examined the Historian's report and recommend that it be approved and printed in the Minutes of the Convention.

1. That we appreciate the faithful work done by our worthy Historian, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.
2. Reports satisfactory progress and interest in various Auxiliaries.
3. Showing spiritual growth and progress in many respects in the addition of two new societies.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. ZABRISKIE,
MISS K. STUBER.

Report of Committee on Literature Committee.

We find by the report of the Literature Committee that the interest of the Auxiliary Societies in this matter is not as it should be, and we find that some of the societies take no literature at all, and we recommend that more attention be paid to this matter.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. WALLING,
MRS. E. NELANDER.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the loving and watchful care of our Heavenly Father in bringing us together again in convention, and His favor and guidance as manifested in the progress of our work during the past year.

Resolved, That we express by a rising vote our hearty appreciation of the cordial hospitality extended to us by the Lutheran churches of Sacramento

Resolved, That we heartily thank all our synodical officers for the very efficient conduct of the duties assigned them.

Resolved, That we urge each member to make a special effort to raise one dollar toward the Thank-offering for the Jubilee Meeting, to be held at the next General Convention.

Resolved, That we earnestly thank Mrs. G. G. Burnett, our delegate, who so ably represented us in the last Biennial Convention, for her kindness in refusing to present a bill for traveling expenses, and that we hereby acknowledge the present surplus in our treasury to be due entirely to her unselfish generosity.

Resolved, That we express our sympathy to the General Secretary of our Foreign Missionary Board, Rev. Dr. Scholl, in view of his serious accident, and are glad to learn that he is recovering his strength.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has taken from us our beloved Dr. David A. Day;

Resolved, 1st, That in his death the Lutheran Church and the whole cause of Missions has lost a most faithful and efficient leader, and devoted man of God.

Resolved, 2d, That we feel grateful to God for the life of this modern hero of Christian faith.

Resolved, 3d, That we deeply sympathize with his wife in her great loss, and in returning to her field of labor and sacrifice to continue the Master's work, we express our admiration for her devotion, and pray God's richest blessings upon all her efforts.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
MRS. J. E. BUSHNELL.

Mrs. Campbell, of the Presbyterian church, was here introduced by the President, and received as an advisory member.

Recess was taken in order to invite the Synod to visit convention.

After singing a hymn, brief and interesting addresses were made by the ministers and laymen, encouraging us in our work.

Prayers were offered for the safety of our country.

Hymn, "My Faith looks Up to Thee," was then sung, after which Mrs. C. F. Oehler read a paper on "The Death of Dr. Day."

Mrs. E. Nelander read an interesting paper on "How to Win and Interest the Children."

Solo, Miss Carrie Lothammer.

An interesting paper on "Our Needs" was read by Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, of Sacramento.

The singing of the doxology closed the session.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The session opened with devotional service led by Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, of Oakland.

Hymn 149, Book of Worship.

Reading of the 46th Psalm.

Calling of the roll.

Minutes read and approved.

Under the head of new business, Mrs. G. G. Burnett, San Francisco, brought before the meeting the subject of the Thanksgiving Memorial Cards, urging that each Society take some and raise the desired amount.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to communicate with the various Auxiliaries, and ascertain how many cards could be used.

The Secretary was requested to send a letter of sympathy to Dr. G. Scholl, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Bills were then presented and, on motion, ordered paid.

Miss Stuber kindly donated the amount of her expenses.

The cordial invitation to meet in San Diego next year was accepted.

The election of officers being next in order, the President appointed Mrs. L. Zabriskie and Miss Falcke as tellers.

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento.

First Vice-President—Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, Oakland.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. C. F. Oehler, Sacramento.
Recording Secretary—Miss M. R. Love, San Francisco.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss K. Stuber, Sacramento.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Walling, Oakland.
Historian—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Oakland.

Mrs. J. Everding was duly elected delegate to the General Convention, with Mrs. G. G. Burnett as alternate.

The incoming President appointed the Literature Committee: Mrs. Ashley, Sacramento; Mrs. Lothammer, Mrs. C. F. Oehler, Sacramento.

On motion, the sum of thirty dollars was sent to the General Fund.

A collection amounting to $4.25 was taken for the Synodical Fund.

Miss Stuber here announced that luncheon would be served Saturday in the parlors of the church.

Mrs. Everding, the retiring President, after a few closing remarks, thanked the officers for their efficient support.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the ladies for their exceeding kindness and hospitality.

On Monday afternoon at two o'clock the Synod and delegates assembled at the church, where carriages were kindly provided to convey them to all points of interest around the city.

In the evening a delightful entertainment and reception was given by the young people of the church.

Session adjourned with prayer by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The anniversary service was held in the auditorium of the church, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers presiding.

Hymn, "My Faith looks up to Thee."

Address, "Deaconess Work," by Mrs. G. G. Burnett, San Francisco.

Address, "The Outlook," by Mrs. Ashley, Sacramento.

"Home Missions," by Dr. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

"Lutherans in All Lands," by Dr. J. E. Bushnell, Oakland.

The music rendered by the choir was excellent.

The collection, amounting to $12.66, was donated to the Board of Home Missions.

Benediction pronounced by Rev. E. Nelander, San Francisco, closed the Convention.

MINNIE R. LOVE,
Recording Secretary.

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MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

Lutheran Church in the United States,

CONVENED IN

SAN DIEGO, CAL., APRIL 12–16, 1899.

ALSO,

A SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD IN

SAN DIEGO, CAL., APRIL 13–15, 1899.

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Number	Place of Meeting.	Date	Officers.		
			President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding.
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding.
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding.
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1899-1900.

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SECRETARY.

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REV. E. NELANDER, PH. D.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

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REV. A. JATHO.

EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

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REV. H. GEHRCKE.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

REV. J. E. HOICK, MR. G. G. BURNETT,
P. S. LEISENRING, M. D.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. WM. KELLY, REV. A. JATHO.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

REV. H. GEHRCKE, MR. WM. BOSBYSHELL.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—San Francisco, Cal.
Date—April 25, 1900.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

HOLY COMMUNION—SYNODICAL SERMON.

(By the President.)

THURSDAY EVENING.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
REV. WM. BRANDES.	REV. WM. KELLY.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

REV. C. F. OEHLER.	PROF. P. M. FISHER.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

DOCTRINAL—ART. II. AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

REV. E. NELANDER, PH. D.	REV. A. JATHO.

PRACTICAL—PASTORAL VISITATION.

REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D.	REV. G. H. HILLERMAN.

FRIDAY EVENING.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. J. E. HOICK.	P. S. LEISENRING, M. D.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

REV. WM. KELLY.	REV. H. GEHRCKE.

PROCEEDINGS

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NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

HELD IN

San Diego, Cal., April 12-16, 1899.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1899, 7:45 P. M.

The Ninth Annual Convention of California Synod assembled in the First English Lutheran church of San Diego, Cal., Rev. J. E. Hoick, pastor. The liturgical service was conducted by Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., C. F. Oehler and Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., President of Synod, who preached the Synodical Sermon, from the text 1 Sam. xvii. 45, upon the theme "The Final Triumph of Christianity." Synodical Communion followed.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1899, 9 A. M.

After a half hour's devotional service, led by Rev. J. W. Ball, of Los Angeles, the Synod was formally opened by the use of the Morning Service (old order) conducted by the President.

The clerical roll was called and lay delegates received and enrolled:

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Residence.	Lay.
1836	S. Sprecher, D.D., LL.D., *a.e.*	San Diego.	
1862	M. W. Hamma, *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	
1876	Wm. Kelly	Oakland.	
1877	J. S. Moser, *a.*	Salem, Va.	
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Sacramento	Frank Meckfessel, *a. e.*
1881	J. Schmierer, *a.*	Monrovia.	
1882	J. E. Bushnell, D. D., *a. e.*	Winchester, Va.	
1887	A. Jatho, *a. e.*	Oakland.	
1888	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	Fred. Meckfessel.
1889	Wm. Brandes	Alameda	L. Buslach, *a. e.*
1889	E. Nelander, Ph. D.	San Francisco	J. D. McMurry, *a. e.*
1891	V. G. A. Tressler	San José	A. L. Redtke, *a. e.*
1892	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	L. Wass, *a. e.*
1892	O. H. Gruver, *a.*	Punxsutawney, Pa.	
1894	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	Wm. Bosbyshell.
1894	J. E. Hoick	San Diego	H. Seebold.
1896	G. H. Hillerman	Riverside	D. L. Kinser, *a. e.*
....	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	Arroyo Grande.	

a. Absent. *a. e.* Absent and excused.

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren: During the closing hours of our last Synodical meeting the booming of cannon announced the declaration of war with Spain. Railroad trains were hurrying soldiers to the front; monster ironclads were gathering in battle array. In the mercy of God the tempest of war speedily passed, and we can now look back upon the past memorable year as a wise and merciful discipline, and, as we hope, the seed-time of glorious blessings for our beloved country. The clouds of war are in the main dispelled, and while we thank God who gave us the victory, we do well to pray,

> "Lord God of hosts be with us yet,
> Lest we forget."

There is, however, a war that is not yet ended—the crusade against Satan and sin. Every council of the Christian church is a council of war. For thus it is written, "The Lord will have war with Amalek, from generation to generation." We are, however, of good cheer, for the Captain of our Salvation is with us. "In His name" is our watchword. With that name on our lips and in our hearts we will go on until He shall open the gates of the Kingdom unto us. I herewith submit my official acts during the year.

RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS.

In July, Rev. Leo Geick, having received a call from a circuit of German Lutheran churches near Thornburg, Nebraska, applied for dismission to the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, which has been granted.

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., notified me of his resignation from the Oakland Charge, which took effect September 30th, since which time he has written me to the effect that he desires, pending his temporary residence in Virginia, to continue his relations with this Synod.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler of San José, informed me in March that he had notified the Mission Board and congregation of his resignation, to take effect July 1st, he having determined upon a year's study in Germany.

Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., in a letter dated April 3d, informs me that he now has his home residence in Hollidaysburg, Pa. At his request, he was granted a letter of dismissal to the Alleghany Synod.

ACCESSION.

On January 15th, Rev. William Kelly, of Philadelphia, arrived in Oakland and took charge of that congregation. On April 8th, he sent me his dismissal from the Synod of East Pennsylvania, and his name was enrolled as a member of this Synod.

LICENSE.

In accordance with the resolution of last year's Synod, that the President of the Synod grant *ad interim* license to Mr. Payson Young, if in his judgment and that of the Examining Committee it is advisable, the President, with the concurrence of the Committee, issued an *ad interim* license to Mr. Young, who has since faithfully labored in Felton and Oakland. Later he removed to Shelbyville, Tenn., and he is now transferred as licentiate to the Olive Branch Synod, where he is evidently making full proof of his ministry. His license expires April 20.

Since it seems unadvisable to give a resumé of the work in each congregation, it may suffice to note that the churches are all making a steady advance, and, even in places where the conditions are most unfavorable, are more than holding their own. There is everywhere an increase in church membership and attendance. Two congregations have paid off a portion of their indebtedness, and one has set aside $1,600.00 for a building fund. Most favorable reports come in from the work in the Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies. There is, moreover, throughout the Synod a greater appreciation of our Lutheran heritage and a profounder spirituality. In this rather than in mere material prosperity are signs of hope for the future. While we labor on this Pacific coast under peculiar difficulties, we should not be unduly depressed by apparent failures. The work is the Lord's.

I regret to state that no official of the Home Mission Board is with us at this meeting. We are by no means forgotten, however. Cheering letters have been received from Rev. Charles S. Albert, D. D., Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D. and others, which will be laid before you at the proper time.

In returning this trust, I pray that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost may be with us all in our deliberations, that the interests of the Church may be advanced to the glory of God and the salvation of men.

Respectfully submitted, EDWARD NELANDER.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

Treasurer's Report. (Appendix A.)

The Treasurer presented his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Election of Officers.

Tellers: Revs. G. H. Hillerman and Wm. Brandes. Election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. W. Ball.

Secretary—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

The newly elected officers at once took their places.

On motion, the hours of business sessions were fixed at 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Revision of Constitution.

On motion, the Committee on Revision of the Constitution made its report.

Moved and seconded that report be considered *seriatim*. Carried.

Later, on motion, the entire report was referred back to the Committee, which was to be increased by three members, to report in one year.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Hoskinson.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Synod called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hoick.

After roll call, the minutes were read and approved.

The President then announced the following committees:

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and J. E. Hoick.

2. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., and Mr. H. Seebold.

3. *Apportionment*—Rev. H. Gehrcke and Mr. Fred. Meckfessel.

4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Revs. G. H. Hillerman and Wm. Kelly.

5. *Treasurer's Report*—Rev. C. F. Oehler and Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell.

6. *Parochial Reports*—Revs. J. W. Ball* and Wm. Brandes.

7. *Resolutions and Temperance*—Revs. V. G. A. Tressler, C. F. Oehler and Mr. Fred. Meckfessel.

8. *Religious Services*—Revs. J. E. Hoick and G. H. Hillerman.

9. *Excess and Deficit*—Rev. Wm. Kelly and Mr. H. Seebold.

10. *Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies*—Revs. C. F. Oehler and Wm. Kelly.

11. *State of the Church*—Revs. Wm. Brandes and E. Nelander, Ph. D.

12. *Systematic Beneficence*—Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., and H. Gehrcke.

13. *Minutes of Last Synod*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., V. G. A. Tressler and Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell.

14. *Revision of Constitution*—Revs. V. G. A. Tressler, G. H. Hillerman, W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., C. F. Oehler and E. Nelander, Ph. D.

Reporters for Papers.

The following were appointed to report the proceedings of Synod to the different papers:

Observer—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

World—Prof. S. P. Davidson.

Evangelist—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Kirchenfreund—Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Zion's-Bote—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Local Dailies—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

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* Substituted for Rev. J. E. Hoick by motion of Synod.

The Committee on Letters and Papers read letters from Revs. C. S. Albert, D. D., S. B. Barnitz, D. D., H. C. Haithcox, D. D., J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and Mr. G. G. Burnett.

Greetings were received from Dr. Sprecher through his pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Parochial Reports.

The Parochial Reports were then read and handed to the proper committee. (See Appendix D, pp. 24 and 25.)

On motion, Dr. Hoskinson was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*, on account of the necessary absence of the Treasurer-elect.

Report on Home Missions.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman was heard in regard to the work at Riverside; Rev. Wm. Kelly in regard to Oakland, and Rev. J. E. Hoick in regard to San Diego.

On motion, these reports were referred to the Home Mission Committee.

Amendment to the Constitution

presented by Rev. C. F. Oehler, to be acted on in one year:

Resolved, That the election of the officers of Synod as provided for under Art. 16, 7th point, of the present Constitution, be hereafter inserted under the same Art. under point 18, putting the election of officers previous to adjournment of Synod.

Report of Committee on Presentation of New Order of Blanks on State of Church.

Your Committee having in charge the preparation and presentation to our Synod of new blanks on the State of the Church, would respectfully report that, after due consideration, it believes that a specific form of blank as heretofore used is not conducive to gathering the information desired, and learning the spiritual life and activities of the individual churches. Certain questions are already covered in the information of the parochial reports, others are irrelevant and some even impertinent; to some no definite answer can be given, owing to the impossibility of securing the desired information.

Therefore we recommend you that hereafter no blanks be used, but that each pastor be required to annually present to the Standing Committee on the State of the Church a written report of matters pertaining to the spiritual index of his congregation, and that the committee collate its report from said information. V. G. A. TRESSLER.

Report and recommendation adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 7:45 P. M.

The liturgical services were conducted by Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., C. F. Oehler and Wm. Kelly.

Rev. C. F. Oehler made an address on "Four Home Mission Fields," text, Luke xxiv. 47. Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., followed with an address in behalf of Church Extension, on the theme, "The Missionary's Right-Hand Helper."

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH, 1899, 9 A. M.

After devotional service led by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Roll call.

Adoption of the minutes.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Committee on President's Report submitted the following:

Your Committee on President's Report are pleased to note the hopeful outlook for our work in this state as shown in this report. We see that the license of Mr. Payson Young expires at this time, and call attention of Synod to it that they may take some action if that be desirable.

No recommendations do we find requiring special action.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. E. HOICK.

On motion of Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, the Committee on State of the Church was made a Standing Committee.

Moved and seconded, that for this year this Synod elect a representative on the Board of Trustees of Tressler Orphans' Home. Carried.

Election resulted as follows: Trustee, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler; alternate, Mr. Wm. Bosbyshell.

Committee on Minutes of Synod.

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod would report:

(1) On p. 12 we find a resolution as to considering communicant members as apportionment members. Has this been done?

(2) On p. 15 we find that a committee of three was appointed to submit a new list of questions on the state of the Church. Has this been done?

(3) On p. 16 is a resolution that the application of St. Mark's German Lutheran church of Oakland be presented to the Board of Church Extension. Has this been done?

(4) On p. 19 the President of Synod was appointed to the California Conference of Augustana Synod. Did he fulfill this duty?

(5) On p. 21 we find resolutions pertaining to Sunday-school matters. Have the resolutions been heeded?

(6) On p. 23 is a resolution that the greetings of this Synod be sent to North Carolina Synod. Has this been done?

The mechanical work on the Minutes we find neatly done.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
V. G. A. TRESSLER,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

The report was considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Sacramento, English, no; Sacramento, German, no; Alameda, yes; San Francisco, English, yes; San José, yes; San Francisco, German, no; Los Angeles, yes; San Diego, yes; Riverside, yes; Oakland, English, don't know; Oakland, German (absent).

Item 2. Yes.

Item 3. Yes.

Item 4. Could not go, but appointed Rev. G. H. Hillerman, who presented his credentials to the Conference.

Item 5. Yes.

Item 6. Yes.

Adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Treasurer *pro tem.* was instructed to make out a report supplementary to the Treasurer's, the same to be incorporated in the minutes.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers would respectfully report as follows:

Cheering and helpful letters have been received from Rev. Charles S. Albert, D. D., President, and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. Also from Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Education. It is a matter of special dis-

appointment that these official representatives of the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Education could not be present at this Convention of our Synod.

A letter of greeting, with enclosure of $5.00, has been received from Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D. The donation is gratefully acknowledged, and it is recommended that the amount be credited to the apportionment of the Oakland congregation. A letter of greeting, with excellent suggestions as to the raising of the apportionment, has been received from Mr. G. G. Burnett, which is highly appreciated. All the above communications have been read before the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER,
HENRY SEEBOLD.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your Committee begs to report:

Two churches have been especially brought to the attention of your Committee for advisement, viz: Riverside and San Diego. With reference to the above-named points, we submit as follows:

I. RIVERSIDE.

1. We heartily recommend its continuance, and that efforts be made by the faithful missionary there to open work at Redlands, to be conducted in conjunction with Riverside.

II. SAN DIEGO.

We urgently recommend that—

1. The Board of Church Extension be petitioned to grant a loan of $850.00 to this church.

2. All moneys in the Synodical Treasury after the close of the sessions of Synod be donated to this congregation.

3. The local churches and moneyed individuals of the Synod bestow such aid as they may be able to give, and

4. The pastor of this church be granted the privilege of our churches for such canvas as he may make.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER,
V. G. A. TRESSLER,
FRED. MECKFESSEL.

Report considered *seriatim*.

Item I., 1. Adopted.

Item II., 1. Adopted.

Item II., 2. Adopted.

Item II., 3. Adopted.

Item II., 4. Adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee to whom the examination of the Treasurer's Report was referred, report that we have examined the Treasurer's book and the annual reports, and find everything correct.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
WM. BOSBYSHELL.

Moved and seconded, that the Treasurer of Synod be and is hereby instructed not to divert the money of Synod from one fund to another.

Motion carried.

On motion, time of adjournment was extended to 12 : 30 p. m.

On motion, the doctrinal and practical discussion this afternoon is to be limited to one hour and a half.

The following telegram was read :

" Greeting from Evangelical Lutheran Rocky Mountain Synod. Read Colossians iii. 16."

Authorized by Synod, the President and Secretary returned greetings with 2 Tim. ii. 3.

State of Church.

After a careful study of the reports on State of Church, your Committee finds that they are not complete enough to justify a detailed statement. There are, however, sufficient data to lead us to believe that our congregations are making a steady advance, both as to outward increase in membership and strength, and as to growth in grace.

Excellent showing is made in the work of the Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies. There are undoubtedly great obstacles to be overcome, but the progress made promises, under God, a coming again with rejoicing if we press on, trusting in the Lord.

The Committee has no suggestions to offer except to emphasize previous recommendations as to catechetical instruction and more devoted faithfulness to all the means of grace.

Respectfully submitted, W. BRANDES,
E. NELANDER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

The Committee on Apportionment made its report (see Appendix B), which was adopted.

Mr. H. Seebold presented an invitation to the Synod to participate in an excursion over the electric railway and to Coronado

Beach. In regard to this invitation, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod accepts the invitation to visit Coronado Beach and University Heights, and extends its thanks to Messrs. E. S. Babcock and Joseph Flint for their generous invitafion.

An invitation was extended by Rev. E. Nelander, pastor, to Synod to meet in its Tenth Annual Convention in the English Lutheran church at San Francisco, and was accepted unanimously.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Nelander.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Synod called to order by the President.

Opening prayer by Rev. Wm. Kelly.

After the calling of the roll, the minutes were read and approved.

Synod then participated in a doctrinal discussion on the "First Article of the Augsburg Confession," opened by Rev. J. W. Ball; and in a practical discussion on "Catechisation," opened by Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

On motion, Synod adjourned for one-half hour to visit the convention of the W. H. & F. M. Society of California Synod.

Synod then reconvened, and the report of the Committee on Absentees and Excuses was read as follows:

Report of the Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your Committee on Absentees and Excuses would recommend that the following members be excused from attendance upon the sessions of Synod: Revs. S. Sprecher, D. D., L.L. D., M. W. Hamma, D. D., J. E. Bushnell, D. D., A. Jatho, L. C. Routzahn, and Messrs. Frank Meckfessel, L. Buslach, J. D. McMurry, A. L. Redtke, L. Wass and D. L. Kinser.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. HILLERMAN,
WM. KELLY.

Report adopted.

Revs. Shaw, of the U. P. Church and McCausland, of the M. E. Church South, were introduced and recognized.

Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools and Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Sunday-Schools and Young People's Societies submit the following report:

Comparing the records of the past year with that of the year before, we find that we have within our Synod the same number of Sunday-schools with an increase of five officers and teachers and also a remarkable increase for benevolence, but a decrease of forty-two scholars.

Our Young People's Societies, however, have not only held their own, but enjoyed an increase of thirty-one members, as well as a marked increase for local expenses and benevolence.

Considering the general condition of affairs in our State, we consider this a very good and hopeful report, hoping that the decreases of the past year will be more than made up in the coming year. Allow us to submit a comparison for the past two years.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

	1897–'98.	1898–'99.
Number of schools	11	11
Officers and teachers	139	144
Scholars	1,414	1,372
Contributions to local objects	$1,247 40	$1,108 69
Contributions to benevolence	236 01	416 13

YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES.

Number of Young Peoples' Societies	11	11
Number of members	290	321
Contributions for local objects	$295 17	$388 26
Contribution for benevolence	124 85	162 15

We recommend, (1) That in consideration of the great importance of the Sunday-school as a nursery for the Church, our pastors would annually preach a sermon in relation to this work, inviting the coöperation of parents and teachers in making the Sunday-school a greater success.

(2) That the pastors organize regular weekly teachers' meetings for the training and instruction of the teachers, so that the latter may become more qualified for their responsible work, sowing the precious seed of the gospel and bringing their scholars in closer relation to Christ their Saviour.

(3) We also recommend that Luther's small catechism, besides the regular lessons, be freely used in our Sunday-schools, and that only Lutheran literature be distributed; and,

(4) We again recommend that our Secretary be instructed to urge our representative on the International Lesson Committee to effect a better conformity of the Sunday-school lessons with the lessons of the Church year.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
WM. KELLY.

Report was adopted, and Synod then adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wm. Brandes.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 7:30 P. M.

The liturgical services were conducted by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, San José.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Riverside, presented the subject "Lutheran Deaconesses," and Rev. H. Gehrcke, San Francisco, delivered an address on "Our Missionary Duties."

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1899, 9 A. M.

After devotional service, conducted by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., Synod was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Hoick, followed by roll call and announcement of Standing Committees (see page 3).

The following telegram was read:

"Cordial greetings. Excuse absence. God's richest blessing to all.
"M. W. HAMMA."

Report of Committee on Religious Services.

SUNDAY MORNING AND EVENING.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., First Lutheran, Los Angeles.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., Congregational, San Diego.
Rev. Wm. Kelly, First M. E., San Diego.
Rev. J. W. Ball, First Presbyterian, San Diego.
Rev. G. H. Hillerman, M. E. South, San Diego.
Rev. C. F. Oehler, First Lutheran, San Diego.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. HOICK,
G. H. HILLERMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports was read and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Addition to Treasurer's Report.

From Oakland church—	
For Foreign Missions	$10 00
For Church Extension	16 50
For Synodical Treasury	5 00
Total	$31 50
From San Diego—for Synodical Treasury	3 55
Grand total	$35 05

W. S. HOSKINSON, *Treasurer pro tem.*

Report adopted.

Systematic Benevolence.

Your Committee on Systematic Benevolence find that the total benevolence for 1898 was $1862.92, and for 1899 $1691.22, a reduction of $171.70. We have reason to believe that this is not so much the result of a decrease in the mission spirit on the part of the people, as rather because one church failed to get in its report on time and another to make provision in time fully intended. We would urge pastors and delegates to arrange these matters as early as possible, that our churches may make full and creditable reports.

E. NELANDER,
H. GEHRCKE.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the janitor of San Diego Church $5.00 for services during the sessions of Synod.

The President then read the

Program for the Next Synod.

(See page 4.)

Program approved.

Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit

Was read and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The question was asked: "Have you raised your apportionment in full? If not, why not?" and the following answers were given:

Alameda: Yes, with excess.

San Francisco, German: Yes, with excess.

Los Angeles: Yes.

San Diego: Yes.

Riverside: Yes, with excess.

Oakland, German: No; could not, because of extra heavy local expenses.

Sacramento, German: Yes, with excess.

Oakland, English: No; without pastor nearly 9 months.

San Francisco, English: No; could not under circumstances.

Sacramento, English: No; could not under circumstances.

San José: No; continued drouth, and material depression.

Moved, by Dr. Hoskinson, that we have 300 copies of the Minutes of Synod and Woman's Convention printed, and that the same be distributed among the churches in proportion to the amounts they have contributed to the Synodical Treasury.

Motion carried.

Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of the California Synod be extended to to the pastor and people of the First English Lutheran Church of San Diego for their kind reception and entertainment, also to the ladies of the church for their bountiful repasts and beautiful decorations, and to the choir for their valuable assistance, and to the newspapers of this city for their extended notices of our sessions.

The above resolution shall be publicly read at the Sunday services by a member of the Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod express its high appreciation of the long continued and efficient services of Brother J. Everding as Treasurer of California Synod, he having performed the functions of that office from the organization of the Synod until the present time with the utmost fidelity and painstaking care, and in such a way as to merit the high regard of the Synod, which is herewith expressed.

3. *Resolved*, That we have received with profound pleasure the greetings of that father in Israel, the Rev. Dr. S. Sprecher, whose name in all Lutheran circles is a synonym for splendid service, profound erudition and simple piety; that we rejoice to learn of his continued vitality and unabated interest in the Church of his love; and that we pray God's richest blessing upon him.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod reiterates its previous declarations upon the subject of temperance.

5. *Resolved*, That the clerical members of our Synod be reminded of their bounden duty to keep a complete church record of all their official transactions for future reference.

Respectfully submitted,

V. G. A. TRESSLER,
C. F. OEHLER,
FRED MECKFESSEL.

Report considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. C. F. Oehler:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, a beloved member of California Synod, intends to leave the boundaries of our State to go to Germany, in order to take a special course in theology; and in consideration that he has done a faithful and efficient work in San José, we as a Synod regret his departure from our midst, and at the same time wish him God's richest blessings upon his future undertakings.

Adopted by rising vote and prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

Moved and seconded that the election of delegates to the General Synod, as reported at the last convention of California Synod, be rescinded, and that the credentials that have been issued be recalled, and that a new election be entered into.

After discussion, the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Synod for the following delegates to the Thirty-ninth General Synod from California Synod: Clerical, Revs. M. W. Hamma, D. D., and J. W. Ball; lay, Messrs. G. G. Burnett and Wm. Bosbyshell, and these persons were declared the official delegates.

The minutes were then read and approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, to meet in the First English Lutheran church of San Francisco, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., pastor, April 25, 1900.

G. H. HILLERMAN,

Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

JOHN EVERDING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 20, 1898, to April 12, 1899.*

	General Synod	Synodical Treasury..	Home Missions..	Foreign Missions..	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home....	Deaconess Board	External Objects...	Home for Aged.....	Totals .....
To balance	.....	$90 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$90 19
Sacramento (German)	$2 63	17 50	$47 75	$38 06	$35 22	$21 50	$17 50	$8 75	$6 10	$27 50	$8 75	231 26
San Diego.....	1 45	6 15	25 10	19 52	19 52	9 70	9 70	4 85	3 40	.....	4 85	104 24
San Jose	2 25	15 00	38 76	31 40	31 26	5 00	1 98	7 50	5 25	.....	2 00	140 40
San Francisco (English)	2 73	9 50	24 00	29 60	19 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84 90
Sacramento (English)	1 95	5 00	33 65	26 20	26 20	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 50
Los Angeles	3 23	21 50	55 75	43 12	43 12	21 50	21 50	10 75	7 62	.....	10 75	238 84
Riverside	75	4 75	23 18	17 25	11 20	4 50	4 50	4 00	3 40	.....	2 25	75 78
Oakland (English).												
Oakland (German).												
San Francisco (German)	45	3 00	7 75	6 05	6 05	3 00	3 00	1 50	1 05	.....	1 50	33 35
Alameda	65	4 30	11 15	9 00	9 00	4 30	4 30	2 20	1 69	.....	2 20	48 79
Dr. Hamma Donation.....	.....	10 00										
Amount received	$16 09	$186 89	$267 09	$220 20	$200 64	$75 00	$62 48	$39 55	$28 51	$27 50	$32 30	$1156 25
Amount remitted.....	16 09	.....	267 09	220 20	200 64	75 00	62 48	39 55	28 51	27 50	32 30	969 36
Difference	.....	$186 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	186 89

By Lutheran Publication Society for Minutes	$73 71
By Sacramento Local Church Expenses.....	5 00
By Treasurer's Expenses.....	5 50
By Mr. Knollenberg from Rev. Oehler.....	6 00
By Mr. Manss, General Synod	15 84
Total Expenses.....	$106 05

Synodical Treasury	$186 89
Total Expenses	106 05
Cash on hand.....	$80 84

APPENDIX B.

Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1899-1900.

	Members	General Synod	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Home for Aged	Orphans' Home	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	Synodical Expenses	Total
Rate	....	.02	.24⅜	.19	.19	.10	.05	.05	.10	.03½	.10	$1.07⅞
San Francisco, Rev. Nelander	216	$4 32	$52 65	$41 04	$41 04	$21 60	$10 80	$10 80	$21 60	$7 56	$21 60	233 01
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	32	64	7 80	6 08	6 08	3 20	1 60	1 60	3 20	1 12	3 20	34 52
Oakland, Rev. Kelly	70	1 40	17 06	13 30	13 30	7 00	3 50	3 50	7 00	2 45	7 00	75 51
Oakland, Rev. Jatho	28	56	6 82	5 32	5 32	2 80	1 40	1 40	2 80	98	2 80	30 20
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	130	2 60	31 69	24 70	24 70	13 00	6 50	6 50	13 00	4 55	13 00	140 24
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	205	4 10	49 97	38 95	38 95	20 50	10 25	10 25	20 50	7 17	20 50	221 14
San José, Rev. Tressler	176	3 52	42 90	33 44	33 44	17 60	8 80	8 80	17 60	6 16	17 60	189 86
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	44	88	10 72	8 36	8 36	4 40	2 20	2 20	4 40	1 54	4 40	47 46
Riverside, Rev. Hillerman	44	88	10 72	8 36	8 36	4 40	2 20	2 20	4 40	1 54	4 40	47 46
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	91	1 82	22 18	17 29	17 29	9 10	4 55	4 55	9 10	3 18	9 10	98 16
Los Angeles, Rev. Ball	215	4 30	52 41	40 85	40 85	21 50	10 75	10 75	21 50	7 52	21 50	231 93
Total	1251	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1349 49

Respectfully submitted,

H. GEHRCKE,
F. MECKFESSEL.

APPENDIX C.—Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.			Board of Education.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
San Francisco	$2 73	...	...	$9 50	...	$8 70	$24 00	...	$23 09	$29 60	...	$7 03	$19 07	...	$17 56	...	...	$18 20
Oakland	...	...	$1 77	5 00	...	6 80	...	...	30 33	10 00	...	13 75	16 50	...	7 25	...	...	11 80
Sacramento	1 95	...	...	5 00	...	8 00	33 65	$0 03	...	26 20	$0 04	...	26 20	$0 04	...	$5 50	...	7 50
San Diego	1 45	...	...	9 70	...	...	25 10	...	...	19 52	...	...	19 52	...	...	9 70	...	...
San José	2 26	$0 01	...	15 00	...	...	38 26	...	50	31 41	15	...	31 26	...	...	5 00	...	10 00
Los Angeles	3 23	...	...	21 50	...	...	55 75	...	...	43 12	...	...	43 12	...	...	21 50	...	...
Sacramento, German	2 63	...	...	17 50	...	...	47 75	2 47	...	38 06	2 84	...	35 22	...	...	21 50	$4 00	...
Riverside	75	12	...	4 75	$0 55	...	23 18	12 30	...	17 25	8 45	...	11 20	2 40	...	4 50	30	...
San Francisco, German	45	...	...	3 00	...	...	7 75	...	...	6 05	02	...	6 05	02	...	3 00	...	...
Oakland, German	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alameda	65	...	...	4 30	...	...	11 15	...	...	9 00	...	...	9 00	...	...	4 30	...	...

	Home for Aged.			Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Deaconess Board.			Total Benevolence.	Total Excess.	Total Deficit.	Total Apportionment.
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.				
San Francisco	...	...	$9 10	...	...	$18 20	...	...	...	...	...	$6 37	$84 90	...	$117 34	$202 24
Oakland	...	...	5 90	...	...	11 80	...	...	$5 90	...	...	4 13	31 50	...	99 63	131 13
Sacramento	...	...	6 50	...	...	13 00	...	...	6 50	...	...	4 65	98 50	...	45 96	144 46
San Diego	$4 85	...	...	$9 70	...	...	$4 85	...	...	$3 40	...	...	107 79	...	...	107 79
San José	2 00	...	5 50	1 98	...	13 02	7 57	$0 07	...	5 25	...	...	139 99	...	27 71	167 70
Los Angeles	10 75	...	...	21 50	...	...	10 75	...	...	7 62	...	...	238 91	...	...	238 91
Sacramento, German	8 75	...	...	17 50	...	...	8 75	...	...	6 10	...	...	203 78	$9 31	...	194 47
Riverside	2 25	$0 15	...	4 50	$0 30	...	4 00	1 90	...	3 40	$1 75	...	75 78	28 76	...	47 02
San Francisco, German	1 50	...	...	3 00	...	...	1 50	...	...	1 05	...	...	33 35	04	...	33 31
Oakland, German	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35 58	35 58
Alameda	2 20	05	...	4 30	...	...	2 20	05	...	1 69	...	...	48 79	66	...	48 13
Totals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	$1063 29	$38 77	$326 22	$1350 74

Respectfully submitted, WM. KELLY, HENRY SEEBOLD

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																		Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.						Finances.				
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	
Jesse W. Ball, 831 S. Hope St., Los Angeles	First Eng. Lutheran	1	..	3	..	19	....	10	11	12	1	4	14	2	215	$25000 00	$5797 50	$2666 71	1
J. E. Hoick, 1323 Third St., San Diego	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	7	2	3	16	5	....	3	3	9	91	15000 00	6990 00	969 04	2
Herman Gehrcke, 741 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco	St. Matthew's, Ger.	1	..	..	..	4		1	....	28	....	4	....	..	32	490 07	.....	1293 70	3
A. Jatho, 861 Myrtle St., Oakland	St. Markus, German.	1	..	..	..	3	3	....	4	22	....	3	....	..	28	10000 00	5365 00	958 35	4
Wm. Kelly (supply), 1419 Tenth St., Oakland	First Eng. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	7	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	..	70	22000 00	7000 00	596 90	5
W. S. Hoskinson, 1415 18th St., Sacramento	First Eng. Lutheran	1	1	1	..	13	5	1	12	14	5	7	2	4	130	20000 00	2450 00	1862 54	6
Victor G. A. Tressler	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	18	2	4	8	40	6	15	3	16	176	15000 00	3500 00	1033 35	7
Edward Nelander, 1319 Geary St., San Francisco	First Eng. Lutheran	1	1	2	..	28	1	4	29	53	4	28	32	..	216	55000 00	9700 00	3047 00	8
G. H. Hillerman, 154 Orange St., Riverside	Trinity	1	..	..	..	7	....	2	....	2	....	2	....	2	44	50 00	.....	255 47	9
W. Brandes, 752 Pacific Ave., Alameda	Christ Luth., German	1	1	..	..	14	....	....	4	9	....	....	....	..	44	2600 00	1275 00	719 21	10
Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St., Sacramento	German Lutheran	1	..	1	..	14	4	....	11	67	....	43	2	..	205	20000 00	375 00	3888 04	11
Totals for 1899		11	3	13	..	134	17	27	95	252	16	109	56	33	1251	$185140 07	$42452 50	17290 31	12
Totals for 1898		11	2	14	..	131	19	28	89	245	15	92	48	45	1214	184965 00	41650 00	19425 23	13
Gain		..	1	..	..	3	....	....	6	9	1	17	8	..	37	$175 07	$802 50	.....	14
Loss		..	..	1	..	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	.....	.....	$2134 92	15

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	17	150	$88 62	$52 01	47	$75 96	$17 00	$3 23	$21 50	$55 75	$43 12	$43 12	$21 50	.....	$87 55	$21 50	$10 75	$7 62	$10 75	$72 00	$398 39	$3065 10
2	1	20	140	108 97	58 53	27	.....	6 00	1 45	9 70	25 10	19 52	19 52	9 70	.....	22 60	9 70	4 85	3 40	4 85	17 20	147 59	1116 63
3	1	6	90	90 60	.....	....	.....	.....	45	3 00	7 75	6 05	6 05	3 00	.....	77 00	3 00	1 50	1 05	1 50	9 50	119 85	1413 55
4	1	5	83	63 40	2 50	22	18 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	960 85
5	1	12	95	59 75	10 00	19	11 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	10 00	16 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	33 50	630 40
6	1	13	129	76 20	30 00	44	50 00	7 50	1 95	5 00	33 65	26 20	26 20	5 50	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	168 50	2031 04
7	1	12	160	80 00	56 25	35	52 00	.....	2 25	15 00	38 76	31 40	31 26	5 00	.....	*82 00	1 98	7 50	5 25	2 00	12 00	234 90	1268 25
8	1	24	190	99 80	107 10	56	55 35	111 65	2 73	9 50	24 00	29 60	19 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303 65	3350 65
9	1	12	60	45 46	34 74	....	.....	.....	75	4 75	23 18	17 25	11 20	4 50	.....	18 20	4 50	4 00	3 40	2 25	9 20	103 18	358 65
10	1	7	60	35 00	....	....	.....	.....	65	4 30	11 15	9 00	9 00	4 30	.....	17 55	4 30	2 20	1 69	2 20	.....	66 34	785 55
11	1	16	215	340 89	20 00	71	125 65	15 00	2 63	17 50	47 75	38 06	35 22	21 50	.....	147 25	17 50	8 75	6 10	8 75	119 50	470 51	4358 55
12	11	144	1372	1088 69	371 13	321	$388 26	162 15	$16 09	$90 25	267 09	230 20	217 14	$75 00	.....	494 15	$62 48	$39 55	28 51	$32 30	269 40	2048 91	19339 22
13	11	139	1414	1247 60	256 01	290	295 17	124 85	15 27	87 15	553 89	225 21	214 12	106 28	$1 00	424 75	70 68	34 95	24 43	29 70	199 85	1862 92	22855 80
14	..	5	....	.....	135 12	31	$93 09	$37 30	$0 82	$3 10	.....	$4 99	$3 02	.....	.....	$69 40	.....	$4 60	$4 08	$2 60	$69 55	$185 99	.....
15	..	....	42	$158 91	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	286 80	.....	.....	$31 28	$1 00	.....	$8 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	... .	$3516 58

*Includes a box of clothing valued at $50.00.

J. W. BALL, WM. BRANDES.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH, 1899, 2 : 30 P. M.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society assembled in the parlors of the First English Lutheran Church of San Diego, Cal., Rev. J. E. Hoick, pastor.

The session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, President of the Synodical Society. Scripture reading from Exodus, chap. xxxv, verses 4, 5 and 20–29.

A cordial greeting was extended to all delegates by Mrs. Thomas, of San Diego, Cal.

In behalf of the local Society, a hearty response in behalf of the delegates was given by Miss Lizzie Sachs, of the German Church, Sacramento, Cal.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss M. R. Love, San Francisco, Miss Lizzie Herbert, of San Diego, Cal., was appointed by the President to fill her place.

The delegates then presented their credentials and were enrolled, as follows:

Sacramento, English—Mrs. Hoskinson,
Mrs. Ashley (*a. e.*).
Sacramento, German—Miss Katie Stuber,
Miss Lizzie Sachs,
Mrs. Fred. Meckfessel.
San Francisco, English—Mrs. S. E. Bittle Myers (*a. e.*).
San Francisco, German—Miss M. Folcke (*a. e.*).
San José—Mrs. Rawlings (*a. e.*),
Mrs. S. Dutot (*a. e.*).
Riverside—Mrs. C. W. Castleman (*a. e.*).
Los Angeles—Mrs. S. E. Garrett.
Alameda—Mrs. J. Johns (*a. e.*).
San Diego—Mrs. J. Boyce,
Miss Lindtweed,
Miss Herbert,
Mrs. Thomas.

a. e.—Absent and excused.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint local members, other than delegates, to act on committees.

List of Committees.

Committees appointed by President as follows:
Auditing Committee—Mrs. Garrett, Miss Lindtweed.
Letters and Papers—Mrs. R. H. Young, Miss Sachs.
Resolutions—Miss K. Stuber, Mrs. Meckfessel.
Literature—Mrs. Thomas, Miss Herbert.
President's Address—Mrs. Boyce, Mrs. Davidson.

Reporters to Church Papers.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. Davidson.
Lutheran Evangelist—G. Davidson.
Lutheran World—Mrs. Thomas.
Missionary Journal—Mrs. Young.

We then listened to a well prepared address by the President, Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson.

President's Address.

In the recent study of many of Christ's miracles, I have been impressed with the part that human beings have played.

At the wedding in Cana of Galilee, the servants must fill the water-pots with water and draw out before

> "The modest water, touched by grace divine,
> Confessed its God and blushed itself to wine."

The impotent man was bidden to rise, take up his bed and walk, and when he obeyed, strength came and the miracle was wrought.

To the blind man Christ said, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." He went, washed, and came seeing.

At the grave of Lazarus He commanded, "Take ye away the stone;" and not until their objections were silenced and His orders obeyed did Christ call the dead to "come forth."

Then again, the little lad with the five barley loaves and two fishes.

> "What time the Saviour spread His feast,
> For thousands on the mountain side,
> One of the last, the least,
> The abundant store supplied."

Suppose this lad had not brought his loaves and fishes. No doubt Christ could have fed the multitude in some other way. But what an opportunity the boy would have missed!—the privilege of being a co-worker with Christ, and the chief human agent in the performance of one of his greatest miracles!

Dear friends, are any of us to-day missing golden opportunities for helping our Lord? Is the multitude starving for the Bread of Life, while we hold the loaves in our unwilling hands? Are the millions bound in the grave-clothes of ignorance, superstition and sin, because we refuse to roll away the stone?

In the past year God has opened new doors of opportunity to us. Samoa and the Philippines have been gained by the conquest of arms, and are held by military force. It remains for us to reconquer them by a different power, even that power which is of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to nations as well as individuals. To Him, before us, they owe their allegiance, and we must help them to raise the standard for our God.

It has been demonstrated that the world might be brought to our Saviour, and "every tongue confess Him Lord" in ten years, if each Christian would bring to Him but one soul each year. This seems a startling statement, and is a fearful comment upon the indifference of Christians when we remember that millions have never heard the story of the Cross.

Yet we are not discouraged. God still lives and has many consecrated human agents at work. The meeting of this little band of women is evidence of devotion to His cause. We are few in numbers, and can do little of ourselves; but God can work miracles through us. "We can not turn the machinery of the factory, but we can let the water onto the wheel. We cannot push the steamship across the ocean, but we can let on the steam for the

engine to do it." And so we have come here to "let on the water," that the machinery in God's factory, for the renewing and transforming of human beings into God's image, may be kept running. We have come to "let on the steam" that shall keep God's mission ships sailing to the uttermost parts of the earth, until every one shall hear and confess that "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God." Sometimes our part of the miracle looks prosy. We feel that we play so insignificant a part that it counts for nothing. But let us ever keep our eye upon results, and not upon the regular routine of drudgery by which these are attained. Thus shall courage be renewed and faith strengthened.

MODERN MIRACLES.

Behold, what God hath wrought, through your efforts, and mine and others like us! Beautiful temples for the worship of the true God have been erected. Three of these—Freeport, Ill., San Francisco and Los Angeles—have become self-sustaining. Seven more congregations have had liberal help towards attractive church homes and are still receiving help in the support of their pastors. They are in Denver, Col., Sacramento, Oakland, San José, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Scranton, Pa. Two others, at Riverside and Alameda, have no buildings, but are assisted in the support of pastors. We hope they may soon be housed in temples of their own.

In India we support six women missionaries who have charge of the Hospital, Girls' Boarding School with its 106 pupils, fourteen Sunday-schools and Zenana work.

We have sent two new missionaries to Africa, and their work is maintained by our efforts. Hospitals, schools and dormitories have been erected in India and Africa.

In the twenty years' life of the General Society we have raised much more than $300,000—perhaps the figure will be found fifty thousand higher when the report is given a month hence at our General Convention.

The eye of the whole Church is upon us. Men look and wonder. Oh, let us keep our own eyes open to the miracles God is working through us! Twenty years ago, in the day of small things, when our society was only just organized, there may have been some reason for doubt and discouragement. But now, our works, in His name, have become history. We have only to press forward, with faith in God as our Helper, to increase the results of the first twenty years many fold.

IMPORTANCE OF MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

The best way to keep an "open eye" is through a well-informed brain. A head well stored with missionary intelligence makes a workman "that needeth not to be ashamed." "Reading maketh the full man." The "science of missions" is worthy our most earnest thought. There is culture of the highest type in it. The intellect is quickened and developed by its study. It broadens the horizon of our mental and spiritual vision and enlarges the soul. Sympathy and love for our fellow-men are awakened. Oh, let us learn that

ignorance of missions is not only a sin, but also a sorry comment upon our intelligence. It is the cause for which many of the earth's best and noblest men and women have given their lives, and for which Christ died upon the cross.

Then let us inform ourselves by every possible means. Let us read the literature of our own and other churches. We should not only read, but study the minutes of our Synodical and General Conventions. Each year a report of our work in India is sent out by our missionaries there. They complain that we do not study it; that we catch on to the interesting little stories rather than to the facts and figures of their work.

Let us keep ourselves in touch with our missionaries by reading their letters as they appear in our church papers and Journal; read that we may know if their journey across the waters has been made in safety, if health or sickness is their portion, and, above all, that we may know what God is accomplishing through them.

Our literature table is well supplied with good reading matter. Let us demonstrate our interest in it by a liberal patronage.

Knowledge of missions will transfigure the homely duties of our Auxiliary and Synodical work, and make them appear to us as God's errands. We are the messengers; the dues, thank-offerings and special gifts are the hands and feet by which we work and run.

SYNODICAL WORK.

Interest and activity in the work have been maintained during the year. We number about 290 members, an increase of seven over last year; and our contributions ($300.00) were about $40.00 in advance of any previous year.

Over $40.00 was raised for the support of a bed in the India Hospital. Each Synodical Society is asked by our Executive Committee to make this a permanent feature of its work by contributing $50.00 each year. I would recommend this work most urgently for your consideration. The hospital was formally opened more than a year ago, but, practically is of little use, since it is unfinished and lacks means of support. A debt of $800.00 still remains to be paid, and our help is solicited for its liquidation. Our missionaries long for "a live, active hospital, not merely a building." Dr. Mary Baer says: "Well might an angel covet the privileges of the missionary doctor." She can do more to convert the heathen than any one else. The Hindus, who oppose Christianity, dread our women and our doctors more than our schools, books or preaching. "For," says one of them, "your doctors are winning our hearts, and your women are winning our homes; and when our hearts and homes are won, what is there left us?"

A large number of Jubilee Memorial cards have been issued, and we now have the chance to prove our love and zeal by giving as God has prospered us. The money must be sent to our Synodical Treasurer, in order that she may remit to our Synodical delegate to the General Convention which will convene in Baltimore May 12th.

The Thank Offering was nearly doubled. It is altogether a free-will gift and its increase is an index of the growth of our love for our Master. Let it be-

come, more and more, an expression of our gratitude to Him who gave up all for us. Let us learn to give freely, lovingly, unceasingly to every cause presented us by our leaders. Be not like the marsh that, receiving, gives not, and becomes a foul, malarial pest; but be like the fountain which gives as it receives and remains fresh, pure and beautiful.

"Love spends his all, and still hath store."

The strength and efficiency of our California work might be increased by the enlistment of our young people. Every Y. P. S. C. E. and Luther League should become auxiliary to our Woman's Society by the payment of a stated sum quarterly. To San Diego belongs the honor of having the only young people's society in our Synod. Were the other churches to organize, our numbers and gifts might be nearly doubled. Let us work to this end.

THE VACANT CHAIR.

We pause for a moment to drop a tear for the absent. It was at the door of our dear friend that

"The angel, with the amaranthine wreath,
Pausing, descended, and with voice divine
Whispered a word that had the sound of Death.

"Then fell upon the house a sudden gloom,
A shadow on those features fair and thin,
And, softly, from that hushed and darkened room,
Two angels issued where but one went in."

Mrs. D. S. Traver, to whom our Sacramento church is in large part memorial, left us for the Glory Land, January 18, 1899. She was an earnest Christian, devoted to her Church and the cause of missions. We miss her everywhere. May the mantle of her enthusiastic love for her Master fall upon us, and let a double portion of her spirit be ours!

CONCLUSION.

Dear sisters, my prayer is that the Holy Spirit may be with us in our convention. May we get such a glimpse of Christ and His work that we shall never cease to love and serve Him. The harvest, truly, is great. The whole world is the field for missionary effort, and the work will never be properly done until each Christian is willing to do his part. It has been said, "Whoever fears God, fears to sit at ease." But I like not to feel that fear presses us into our Master's service. Rather let love be the impelling motive.

"Beloved, let us love so well,
Our work shall still be better for our love,
And still our love be sweeter for our work,
And both commended, for the sake of each."

Reports of Synodical Officers.

Miss Kate Stuber, Corresponding Secretary, read a carefully prepared report, showing an increase of membership and contributions; also a goodly number of subscriptions to periodicals.

The Synodical Treasurer's report, in the absence of Mrs. J. C. Walling, was read by Miss G. Davidson.

Report of W. H. & F. M. Society of California Synod, Year Ending March 31, 1899.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 20th.	Quarter Ending Sept. 20th.		Quarter Ending Dec. 20th.		Quarter Ending March 20th.			Value of Missionary Boxes.	Totals.....
	General Fund.....	General Fund.....	Support of Bed in India.....	General Fund.....	Thank-Offering...	General Fund.....	Synodical Fee.....	Synodical Fund....		
German Church, Alameda	$3 45	$3 45	.....	$4 20	$1 73	$4 80	.....	.....	.....	$17 63
Grace Church, San José	2 00	2 00	$5 55	2 00	.....	2 00	$2 50	.....	$10 00	26 05
First Church, San Francisco	5 20	5 60	.....	6 20	.....	8 70	.....	.....	.....	25 70
First Church, Los Angeles	6 20	2 00	5 55	8 85	4 65	3 60	1 25	$5 00	50 00	87 10
St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco	16 10	16 30	5 55	15 00	.....	15 00	2 50	.....	.....	70 45
German Church, Sacramento	14 40	14 40	5 55	13 80	10 00	14 70	2 45	.....	.....	75 30
Riverside	1 20	1 85	2 30	1 75	6 85	2 50	1 50	.....	.....	17 95
First Church, Oakland	3 15	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 15
Young People's Memorial, San Diego	2 45	2 10	5 55	2 70	1 30	4 15	.....	.....	.....	18 25
First Church, Sacramento	3 08	4 25	5 55	3 25	8 00	3 80	1 20	5 00	5 00	39 13
Total amount raised during the year	$57 23	$53 95	$40 60	$57 75	$32 53	$59 25	$11 40	$10 00	$65 00	$387 71

Respectfully submitted, MRS. JNO. C. WALLING, *Treasurer.*

The Historian, Mrs. Bittle Myers, being absent, her report was read by Miss K. Stuber.

The Literature report, prepared by Mrs. Eva Ashley, Chairman, was read by Miss Stuber. All these reports were accepted as read.

Much enthusiasm was manifested by the convention on the subject of Young People's Societies. All delegates present urged the importance of making our Christian Endeavor Societies and Luther Leagues auxiliary to the Woman's Society, by the payment of a stated sum quarterly, amount optional.

The President called attention to the Literature table in charge of Miss Stuber.

Adjourned with song.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1899, 9:30 A. M.

The session opened with devotional service conducted by Mrs. Thomas, of San Diego, Cal.

Next in order was the roll-call of delegates.

Minutes were read by Secretary.

A most interesting paper on "Methods of Work," by Mrs. J. A. Cobb, of Los Angeles, was read by Mrs. Garrett, and heartily appreciated.

Miss Lou Leisenring's paper on "Tithing," was read by Miss Gertrude Davidson.

A paper on "Importance of Prayer in our Auxiliaries," by Mrs. Grunewald, read by Miss K. Stuber, inspired us to a deeper sense of the need of earnest prayer in our work.

Words of Foreign Missionaries of India and Africa were read by Miss Sachs, Miss G. Davidson and Mrs. R. H. Young.

We were then led in prayer for Foreign Missions and missionaries by Miss Herbert.

Session was closed by song service.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Miss Stuber. Scripture, St. John, xv.

Roll call.

Reading of minutes.

The Synod was then invited to visit the convention, and we listened with pleasure to words of cheer from pastors and laymen.

Mr. Young extended an invitation from Mr. J. Flint, Supt. of San Diego Electric Railway Co., to visit points of interest along their line.

An invitation to lunch with Mrs. Wedekind was accepted, and a joint vote of thanks was tendered her by Synod and Ladies' Convention.

President of Synod offered prayer, and, after a solo by Mrs. Buser, an offering was taken.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We have examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct.

MISS LINDTWEED.
MRS. GARRETT.

Report of Committee on Literature Committee's Report.

We have examined this report and commend the faithful work of the chairman of this committee. We recommend:

1. That this Synodical Society appropriate one dollar toward the expenses of the Literature Committee during the coming year, and that the auxiliary societies be more prompt in the payment of their assessment of 25 cents for the use of said committee.

2. That the Committee write to Mrs. Carr requestiug ten tracts, instead of seven, and that, if possible, some of them be in the German language.

Respectfully submitted, MISS LIZZIE HERBERT,
MRS. W. E. THOMAS.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved: 1, That we thank our Heavenly Father for His tender care during the past year.

2. That we instruct our delegate to the General Convention meeting in Baltimore, May 12, 1899, to urge upon the Executive Committee the necessity of continuing their work in California.

3. That we return thanks to the Synodical officers for their faithful service during the past year.

4. That we print the by-laws in the minutes of this convention.

5. That the Auxiliaries be urged to contribute as much as possible to the contingent fund of this society.

6. That we return thanks to the San Diego Church for their cordial reception and elaborate entertainment.

Faithfully submitted, MRS. MECKFESSEL,
MISS K. STUBER.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Papers and Letters of the Convention, would report having examined the following papers:

Mrs. Grunewald, Sacramento; Subject, "The Importance of Prayer in our Auxiliaries."

Mrs. C. A. Cobb, Los Angeles; Subject, "Methods of Work."

Miss Lou Leisenring, San Diego; Subject, "Tithing."

You have listened to these papers with interest and know their worth.

Your Committee would recommend that they be type-written and circulated among the various Societies for their edification.

Letters were also handed us from the following:

Mrs. E. S. Prince, Springfield, Ohio, sends greetings and a hearty God-speed in our work on the Coast for the Master.

Mrs. A. V. Hamma, Washington, D. C., our valued friend, recalls the time when she was residing on the coast, and expresses the hope that California may ever be a stronghold in mission work.

Rev. Dr. S. B. Barnitz, Des Moines, Iowa, expresses deep regret at not being able to be present at the Convention, and urges all to still greater faithfulness in the work of Home Missions.

Mrs. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco, sends cordial good wishes from Washington, D. C., and urges that the best report possible be sent to the General Convention, and also the needs and difficulties be plainly stated.

Mrs. S. E. B. Myers, on behalf of the San Francisco Society, sends greetings and a most cordial invitation to hold the next Annual Convention in that city.

Also letters of greeting were received from workers in the field, Mrs. C. W. Castleman, Riverside, Mrs. S. Dutot, San José.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. H. YOUNG,
MISS LIZZIE SACHS.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Your Committee have examined the very able and earnest address of our President, and recommend that it be approved and printed in the minutes of Convention.

We call especial attention to the following points:

1. That we do not lose sight of the importance of the human element in carrying out the designs of the Master.

2. That we congratulate the Synodical Society upon the success of their labors, which, from apparent defeat, have by persistent effort, never-flagging courage and undying faith in God become a power for the conversion of the world.

3. We note that three beautiful churches have become self-sustaining. Seven congregations have been helped as they needed, and others assisted in support of the pastor.

4. Would urge the importance of missionary literature. Sisters, don't work in the dark when light is so plenty. The Master wants intelligent workers. Read—Think—*Act.*

5. We would recommend a yearly sum towards the support of a bed in India Hospital.

That we take into consideration the question of enlisting our Y. P. S. C. E. Societies in the W. H. and F. M. cause as Auxiliaries.

We deeply sympathize with our sisters and the church at Sacramento in the removal of their beloved Mrs. D. S. Travers. May we all strive to emulate her noble example.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. BOYCE,
MRS. F. P. DAVIDSON.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

To Miss Stuber, Corresponding Secretary	$1 25
To Mrs. Bittle-Myers, Historian, incidental expenses	1 00
To Mrs. Hoskinson, printing 75 programs	1 75
To appropriation for Literature Committee	1 00
To Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson for traveling expenses	25 00

A motion was made and carried authorizing the printing of the President's address, the Treasurer's report and the By-Laws.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. R. H. Young.
1st Vice President—Mrs. Eva Ashley.
2d Vice President—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.
3d Vice President—Mrs. J. E. Hoick.
Recording Secretary—Miss Minnie Love.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Kate Stuber.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. C. Walling.
Historian—Mrs. Bittle-Myers.

An invitation to meet in San Francisco a year hence was accepted.

The spirit of prayer characterized the Convention, and the Holy Spirit's presence was manifest in all meetings.

The Convention adjourned with a praise service led by Mrs. R. H. Young, the new president.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Anniversary Service.

The program for this evening was as follows:

Anthem—Choir.

Invocation—Rev. Hoick.

Hymn.

Scripture—Mrs. Young.

Prayer—(Pres. Synod) Rev. Ball, Los Angeles.

Hymn.

Paper—"What Owest Thou My Lord?" Miss Kate Stuber, Sacramento.

Recitation—"The Starless Crown." Miss Floy Row.

Duet—"Ever Near Us." Prof. E. P. Davidson and Mrs. W. H. Buser.

Address—William Kelly, Oakland.

Dialogue—"Come Over and Help Us." Young people of Y. P. S. and S. S., San Diego.

Offertory.

Hymn—"God Be with You."

Benediction—Rev. Hoskinson, Sacramento.

MISS LIZZIE HERBERT,
Secretary pro tem.

BY-LAWS.

1. The time of the meeting of this Society shall be on Thursday of the week during the meeting of Synod.

2. The officers shall be President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. These officers shall meet quarterly if possible.

3. Each of the Auxiliary Woman's and Young People's Societies within the bounds of this Synod contributing five cents per member, and Children's Bands contributing one dollar annually to the Contingent Fund of the Society, shall be entitled to two voting delegates at annual conventions.

4. Each Auxiliary Society may send one delegate besides the President to the Synodical Convention.

5. The Chairman of each delegation shall report verbally or in writing the general work and condition of their societies.

6. A Synodical delegate may be sent to each Biennial Convention of the General Synod.

7. The fiscal year shall close after the last meeting of each Society in March, and all funds be forwarded to the Treasurer before the 20th of that month.

8. At each annual Convention the President shall appoint an Auditing Committee to examine the Treasurer's books and report to the Society.

9. All members of Standing Committees shall be considered delegates to the Annual Convention.

10. Each Auxiliary Society shall, when possible, subscribe twenty-five cents annually for tracts, to be furnished by the Literature Committee.

11. When possible, half of the expenses of the delegate to the Biennial Convention shall be paid from the Synodical Fund.

12. Each Auxiliary Society may pay the sum of five dollars annually to the Synodical Fund.

13. A praise meeting shall be held by each Auxiliary Society before the Annual Convention.

14. The expenses of the President shall be paid from the Synodical Fund. All incidental expenses incurred by the officers in their work shall be paid from the same fund.

15. These By-Laws may be altered by a two-thirds vote of the Synodical Convention at any regular meeting.

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			President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding.
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding.
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding.
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1900-1901.

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G. G. BURNETT.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. J. E. HOICK, Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN,
L. R. GARRETT.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Rev. E. NELANDER, Ph. D., Rev. WILLIAM E. FRY,
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EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

Rev. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D., Rev. E. NELANDER, Ph. D.,
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STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. WILLIAM KELLY, Rev. A. JATHO,
A. E. FOX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. H. GEHRCKE, Rev. WILLIAM BRANDES,
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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Rev. C. F. OEHLER, Rev. WILLIAM BRANDES,
P. S. LEISENRING, M. D.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place.—Los Angeles, Cal.
Date.—April 17, 1901.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

Wednesday Evening.

SYNODICAL SERMON (BY THE PRESIDENT).

HOLY COMMUNION.

Thursday Evening.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
REV. WILLIAM KELLY.	REV. WILLIAM BRANDES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

REV. W. E. FRY.	REV. J. S. MOSER.

Friday Afternoon.

DOCTRINAL—ART. III. AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

REV. E. NELANDER, PH. D.	REV. H. GEHRCKE.

PRACTICAL—DISCIPLINE OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

REV. C. F. OEHLER.	MR. L. R. GARRETT.

Friday Evening.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D.D.	REV. E. UNANGST, D.D.

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REV. G. H. HILLERMAN.	REV. A. JATHO.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

HELD IN

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APRIL 25–29, 1900.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1900, 7.45 P.M.

The Tenth Annual Convention of California Synod assembled in the First English Lutheran Church of San Francisco, Cal., Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., pastor.

The liturgical service was conducted by Revs. J. W. Ball, President of Synod; G. H. Hillerman, Secretary; and E. Nelander, Ph. D., pastor *loci*.

The synodical sermon by the President was preached from the text, 1 Cor. xvi. 13-14, upon the theme, "Five Rules for the Christian Life." Synodical Communion followed.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1900, 9 A. M.

The Synod was regularly opened by the President with the forms prescribed in the Ministerial Acts of the General Synod.

The Clerical Roll was called and delegates received as follows:

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Residence.	Lay.
1836	S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D. *a. e.*	San Diego.	
1856	E. Unangst, D. D., *a. e.*	Hollidaysburg, Pa.	
1876	William Kelly	Oakland	A. E. Fox.
1877	J. S. Moser, *a. e.*	Asheville, N. C.	
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D.	Sacramento	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.
1881	J. Schmierer, *a. e.*	Monrovia.	
1887	A. Jatho	Oakland.	
1888	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	Frederick Meckfessel.
1889	William Brandes	Alameda	Wilhelm Betten.
1889	E. Nelander, Ph. D.	San Francisco	G. G. Burnett.
1890	William E. Fry	San José	A. D. Campbell.
1891	V. G. A. Tressler, *a. e.*	Leipzig, Germany.	
1892	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	Albert Kuner.
1894	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	L. R. Garrett.
1894	J. E. Hoick	San Diego	G. N. Havice.
1896	G. H. Hillerman	Riverside	C. E. Newcomer, *a. e.*
	L. C. Routzahn, *a.*	Arroyo Grande.	

a. Absent. *a. e.* Absent and excused.

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren: One year ago it was your pleasure to place in my keeping the important office of President of this Synod. I herewith submit the report of my official acts covering the period of my term of office.

RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS.

September 5th, 1899, Rev. A. Jatho wrote informing me of his resignation of St. Mark's German Lutheran Church, of Oakland, resignation to take effect November 1st, 1899.

On January 14th, 1900, I presented my own resignation as pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, of Los Angeles, to take effect May 15th, or earlier.

In March, 1900, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., informed me that he had accepted a call to a charge near Winchester, Va., within the bounds of the Virginia Synod, and desired a letter of dismissal to that Synod. The request was granted.

Rev. O. H. Gruver informed me, about the same time, that he is now sup-

plying the Idaville charge, in the West Pennsylvania Synod. At his request he was granted a letter of dismissal to that Synod.

In a letter dated April 6th, 1900, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., requested that, owing to his inability to attend the conventions of this Synod, a letter of dismission be granted him to the Miami Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio. The request has been granted.

ACCESSIONS.

In July, 1899, Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., wrote desiring his membership retained in this Synod. The request was granted, and that honored name still stands upon the Synodical roll.

July 12th, 1899, Rev. W. E. Fry informed me of his arrival at San José to take charge of that congregation, and inclosed his letter of dismissal from the Synod of East Pennsylvania. He has been enrolled as a member of this Synod.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A letter from Rev. William Kelly, under date of February 15th, 1900, as well as an earlier one from Rev. H. Gehrcke, informed me that St. Mark's German Lutheran Church, of Oakland, had disbanded, the mortgage against their property having been previously foreclosed. It is with regret, therefore, that we record the loss of this congregation.

However, this loss has been more than met by the organization of a branch Sunday school in the city of San Francisco, by the flattering outlook for the early organization of a successful German charge at Redlands and San Bernardino, and by the accessions of the past year to our other churches. On the whole, the past year has been one of the best in the history of the Synod. Five congregations have reduced their indebtedness by various amounts, while many of the remainder have contributed to the different benevolent objects with unprecedented liberality. The interest in Sunday schools and in catechisation has been maintained and increased. Facts such as these serve to point also to a firmer faith and a deeper spirituality. With gratitude to God for the blessings of the past year, let us look with confidence to the triumph of the Gospel over every foe, however stubbornly entrenched.

While we regret the absence of Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., President of the Home Mission Board, who had hoped to meet with us at this convention, we yet rejoice that the Home Mission Board will be represented by one so capable and so well known as its Western Secretary, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

In returning this trust, I cannot but express to you my heartfelt appreciation of the confidence placed in me by you. My earnest prayer is that the Divine Spirit may guide our deliberations in this convention, and that the great Head of the Church may ever prosper your work as an important part of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted, JESSE W. BALL.

By motion, the reading of the Treasurer's Report was deferred for the present.

Election of Officers of Synod.

The election of President and Secretary being next in order, the President appointed the following tellers: Messrs. G. G. Burnett, L. R. Garrett, and A. D. Campbell.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Secretary—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

The election of Treasurer was postponed, by motion, until after the reading of the Treasurer's Report.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, was received as an honorary member of Synod.

The following resolutions were adopted by vote of Synod:

Resolved, That the first order of business on the opening of the afternoon session on Friday, April 27th, be the report of Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., as Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Resolved, That the business of Synod immediately after opening of Synod to-morrow (Friday) morning be made the hearing of the Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Synodical Constitution.

Resolved, That the hours of the business sessions be fixed at 9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1.15 P. M. to 3 P. M.

A verbal report was received from Rev. Jatho concerning the work of the German congregation in Oakland, and, by motion, a committee, consisting of Revs. Hoskinson, Jatho, and Ball and Messrs. Burnett and Fox, was appointed to investigate the affairs of St. Mark's Church and report to this Synod a plan by which said church might be re-established, if possible.

Advisory Members.

On motion, Rev. A. Kinell, of Templeton, and Rev. A. J. Rodell, of Oakland, pastors of the Augustana Synod, were invited to seats in the Synod and received as advisory members.

These brethren were introduced to Synod and extended their greetings. An appropriate response was made by the President.

Resolution of Sincere Regard.

The following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, The former President of this Synod, the Rev. J. W. Ball, has

resigned the pastorate of the Los Angeles Church, and will soon leave this territory; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the California Synod tenders to Brother Ball its sincere regards and best wishes for a successful pastorate in his next field of labor.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Nelander.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 1.30 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Mr. G. G. Burnett.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

After the roll call the President announced the following list of committees:

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. William Kelly and C. F. Oehler.
2. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. W. Ball and Mr. William Betten.
3. *Apportionment*—Revs. William Brandes and G. H. Hillerman.
4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Rev. J. W. Ball and Mr. L. R. Garrett.
5. *Treasurer's Report*—Messrs. A. E. Fox and L. R. Garrett.
6. *Resolutions and Temperance*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., William E. Fry, and Mr. Frederick Meckfessel.
7. *Religious Services*—Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., H. Gehrcke, and Mr. A. Kuner.
8. *Excess and Deficit*—Messrs. G. G. Burnett and A. D. Campbell.
9. *Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies*—Rev. William E. Fry and Messrs. G. G. Burnett and G. N. Havice.
10. *Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. A. Jatho and Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

On motion of Rev. Ball, the visit to the Missionary Convention was made the special order for Friday at 9.45 A. M.

On motion of Rev. Fry, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California Synod was invited to be at the meeting of Synod at 1.45 P. M., Friday, to hear Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., our Western Secretary of Home Missions.

Rev. Fry was appointed to convey this invitation to the Woman's Convention.

The Western Lutheran.

Rev. William Kelly at this point presented his plans for the establishment of the *Western Lutheran*. The plans were discussed by the members present. The following resolution was presented by Rev. Oehler and adopted by unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the pastors and the delegates of the California Synod heartily approve of the intention of Rev. William Kelly to publish an English Lutheran Church paper, and that we use our best endeavors to help the enterprise.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer then read his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix C.)

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your committee beg to report that the indebtedness owing to the Synod from Mr. L. R. Garrett has been settled in full by an accepted order on the Guarantors' and Investment Company of Los Angeles, Cal., payable September 1st, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. HILLERMAN,
WILLIAM BRANDES,
A. JATHO.

Report adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned for the day for committee work. Adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Leisenring.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

The singing at the evening service was led by the Girls' Vesper Choir, who, with the pastor, conducted impressive vespers.

The pastor was assisted in the liturgical service by Rev. W. E. Fry.

The addresses of the evening were delivered by Revs. W. Brandes and C. F. Oehler, the former on Home Missions and Church Extension, the latter on Sunday Schools.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Ball.

After roll call the minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

The special order of business for the morning, the revision of the Constitution, was then taken up.

After the report of the committee by Rev. Oehler, the report was, on motion, considered *seriatim*.

After discussion and amendment the report was finally adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The discussion of the Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution pending, the Synod adjourned at 9.45 A. M. to meet with the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention for one-half hour.

Greetings were extended to the Woman's Convention by the President and Secretary of Synod.

Upon re-convening, the remainder of the forenoon was occupied with the discussion of the Revised Constitution.

This report pending, Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. E. Fry.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1.15 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer, by Rev. Oehler.

The President appointed the following reporters for the papers:

World—Rev. J. W. Ball.

Observer—Rev. William Kelly.

Evangelist—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Zionsbote—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Kirchenfreund—Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Local Papers—Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., and the Secretary.

The revision of the Constitution was then taken up, but before finished the hour for the special order of business had arrived, the first item of which was the reading of the Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

The reports from the different missions within the Synod show very commendable progress during the year. Of the seven, four have reduced their indebtedness by amounts ranging from $130 to $4000. Another, whose future heretofore has seemed wholly uncertain, now feels so securely established as to resolve to arise and build. The necessary lot has already been promised by one of its members.

The present membership of these missions is 610, an increase of 23. The Sunday school enrollment is 818, an increase of 2. Value of church property is $77,280; increase, $2140. The indebtedness upon the property of these missions is $15,445, which shows a decrease during the year amounting to $5770. The amount expended for local expenses during the same period was $13,896.25, an increase of $7166.04 during the year.

Great difficulties have attended the work in these congregations, as indeed in all our churches. Chief of these have been the continuation of the drought which has prevailed during the past three years, the consequent unsettled character of the population, and the burden of debt, now happily removed in a large degree.

Cheerful and grateful acknowledgment is hereby made of the timely and continued aid of our Board of Home Missions and Woman's Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Realizing the difficulties surrounding our California missions, and believing that pastors and people are using their utmost endeavors to reach self-support, we recommend the continuation of the support asked by our different missions.

2. We would respectfully urge upon the attention of the Woman's Executive Committee and the Home Mission Board the importance of occupying the city of Redlands in the very near future, lest the people there become impatient from delay, and some other Synod enter the field. It is our judgment that a man competent to preach in both German and English should be placed in this field, and that it should be conducted independently of the work at Riverside for the present.

3. We would also call the attention of the next Home Mission Committee of the California Synod to the important and growing city of Fresno, in the

central part of the State, and recommend that provision be made for a canvass of that city, looking toward the establishment of a church there.

4. We regret that the President of the Home Mission Board has been prevented from making his contemplated visit to the missions and the Synod this spring. We rejoice, however, in that the Western Secretary, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., has been enabled to make the visit.

5. We most earnestly pray that the interest of the Woman's Board in the important fields of this great State may not slacken, and that as they take up new fields, California, their first field, may receive first consideration.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
J. E. HOICK,
FREDERICK MECKFESSEL.

The adoption of this report was deferred until a later hour.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, then addressed the Synod and the Woman's Convention in behalf of the work he represents.

Item 4, of Report of Committee on Home Missions, was adopted by a rising vote of Synod and the Woman's Convention, followed with prayer, by Rev. William Kelly.

Apportionment.

After finishing Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution, which report had been recommitted for additions, on motion, apportionment for Synodical Treasury was fixed at seven cents *per capita*.

Next Convention.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended in order to enter into election of place of meeting for 1901.

An invitation from Los Angeles was unanimously accepted.

Moved, by Dr. Leisenring, that Synod pass to the next order of business, viz., Address on Pastoral Visitation, by Dr. Hoskinson, and that the paper on Article II., Augsburg Confession, be deferred.

Motion carried.

Paper on Pastoral Visitation was read by Dr. Hoskinson, and discussed by the members present.

Parochial Reports.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Parochial Reports was received, but its acceptance was deferred until Saturday morning.

Authority to Pay Bills.

On motion, a bill of $1.85 was allowed the Secretary for expenses incurred during the past year.

On motion, $5.00 was allowed the Treasurer for expenses incurred in attendance on Synod.

The Secretary was allowed $10.00 for his work of the past year.

Report of Committee on St. Mark's Lutheran Church, of Oakland.

Your committee have inquired into the affairs of this church to some extent. We regret to say that we find but little in the present situation to justify continuance of the organization. Their church has been taken for mortgage, and their membership somewhat scattered and discouraged.

We learn that the English Lutheran Church, of Oakland, has tendered them the free use of their church for German services, and we would recommend that the officers of Synod try to secure the services of the German pastors of the vicinity for such services, and that these people be given every encouragement possible to remain faithful to the church of their love.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. W. BALL,
G. G. BURNETT,
A. E. FOX.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit.

The Report of the Committee on Excess and Deficit was received and approved. (See Appendix D.)

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your delegates elected to represent this body at the Thirty-ninth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, convened at York, Pa., May 24th, 1899, respectfully report that they were in attendance and endeavored to perform their duty to the best of their ability.

The Synod organized by the election of Rev. Professor S. F. Breckenridge, D. D., of Springfield, Ohio, President; Rev. William E. Fischer, D. D., Shamokin, Pa., Secretary; and Louis Manss, Esq., Cincinnati, Ohio, Treasurer.

This convention of Synod was one of, if not, the largest in the number of its delegates and visitors in the history of the organization. Some matters of business which claimed the attention of Synod in addition to the usual order were of absorbing interest.

Among these were first the adoption of the "Ministerial Acts," which had

been in course of preparation for several years, and had created much discussion in the church journals in view of the final action to be taken at this convention of Synod. After one or two changes rather of a verbal character the committee's report was unanimously adopted, to be published for use by the pastors.

A second item of great interest was the report on "Fraternal Co-operation" between the various branches of the Lutheran Church, together with the report on the "Free Fraternal Lutheran Conference" held in Philadelphia the preceding January.

These reports evinced such marked success and progress toward the eventual unification of the Lutheran Church of this country that they gave a great impulse to the fraternal spirit which is prevailing more and more among the brethren of our common faith.

Along this line there was given a practical and most pleasing example of the progress in the re-establishment of fraternal fellowship, interrupted nearly thirty years ago, by the presence of the venerable and distinguished Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Seiss as a fraternal visitor from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, who delivered the cordial greetings of his body, and also preached the Communion Sermon of the Synod and participated in the Synodical Sacrament in his official capacity.

The rejoicing which these acts of fraternal fellowship occasioned was one of the most thrilling experiences of this great convention. It is needless to say that the committees having these matters pertaining to the promotion of fraternal relations in charge, which the California Synod has the honor of having originated, and in most part conducted, were reappointed.

The Synod, while at times given to most earnest discussion, was nevertheless in its legislation harmonious, and we trust fruitful of good results to the Church.

All the boards rendered most encouraging reports of progress in their respective departments of activity. These render the highest degree of satisfaction to all our people touching the advancement of our beloved Church in all her borders.

Thanking you for the honor of representing the California Synod in the great body to which we were delegated, and assuring you of our appreciation of your kindness, we most respectfully submit this report.

M. W. HAMMA,
J. W. BALL,
WILLIAM BOSBYSHELL,
G. G. BURNETT.

Report adopted.

Report of the Home Mission Committee was pending when Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. William E. Fry.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

Vesper service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Nelander; and an address made on "A Century of Foreign Missions," by Rev. J. E. Hoick; and one on "Organization of the Young People," by Rev. William Kelly.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Dr. Leisenring.

After the roll call the minutes of Friday were read and approved.

The Report of the Home Mission Committee was again taken up, and on motion adopted *seriatim*.

Body of report adopted.

Recommendation 1. Adopted.

Recommendation 2. Adopted.

Recommendation 3. Adopted.

Recommendation 4. Adopted previously.

Recommendation 5. Adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

Parochial Reports.

The Parochial Reports were then considered and, after correction, adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we extend most hearty thanks to the pastor and people of the First English Lutheran Church of San Francisco for their kind and generous reception and entertainment of Synod during its days of meeting; to the ladies for their repast and decorations; and to the choirs for the excellent services rendered. This resolution shall be read at a public meeting.

2. *Resolved*, That we look upon the saloon and the traffic in strong drink as evil, and only evil, the cause of untold harm and crime, and the avowed

enemy of the Church of Christ; that we protest against the habit and traffic in strong drink; that we urge our people to take active interest in every good movement tending toward the overthrow of the liquor traffic; that we commend the Anti-Saloon League to our people, also the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in its various lines of useful work, and bid these organizations Godspeed in their efforts to overthrow the saloon power.

3. *Resolved*, That we look with dread upon the continued and open desecration of the Lord's Day, and urge upon our people that, as far as it can be done, they keep this day holy, and abstain from all kinds of secular work.

4. *Resolved*, That in view of the great need of more and better Home Missionary work we, as a Missionary Synod, request that a much larger apportionment be levied by the General Synod on all our churches for this board.

5. *Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of Synod be and are hereby extended to the Home Mission Board for sending the Western Secretary, Dr. Barnitz, to this Synod and to our churches, and that we implore the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board not to lose interest or lessen their support to the great work of our Church on this coast.

6. *Resolved*, That it is with regret we learn that our esteemed brother, Dr. Hamma, feels the need of severing his connection with this Synod; that we recognize his able and faithful help to this Synod in its early history; that we extend him our heartfelt thanks and pray for him God's continued favors, and assure him of our loving regard.

7. In consideration of the fact that an amendment to the Constitution of our State will be submitted to the voters of this State next fall, providing for the exemption of church property from taxation; be it

Resolved, That with all consistent means we vigorously push this cause so that our churches be freed from this great hindrance and burden, and that the State of California be in line with all the other States of the Union, and with all the civilized States on the face of this earth, none of which impose any taxes upon the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
WILLIAM E. FRY,
FREDERICK MECKFESSEL.

Report considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted.
Item 2. Adopted.
Item 3. Adopted.
Item 4. Adopted.
Item 5. Adopted.
Item 6. Adopted.
Item 7. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We notice that the President, in his report, speaks of the past year as one of the best in the history of the Synod. We may well rejoice that this has been the fact in regard to most of our churches in connection with the Synod.

But whether to some of us the past year has been one of great visible success or of disappointment, we nevertheless have reasons to be thankful to our Lord and God, and praise Him for blessings bestowed upon us.

We recommend that the work in the new fields, spoken of by the President, be begun as soon as possible, and that the cause of Christ be pushed with renewed energy and with earnest prayers.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM KELLY,
CHARLES F. OEHLER.

Report adopted.

Additional Resolution.

Resolved, That the most cordial and fraternal greetings of the California Synod be sent to our esteemed and beloved brother, the Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, in his distant field of study at the University of Leipsic, Germany; that these greetings express our earnest desire that the highest and best success may crown his efforts; and that it is our sincere hope and belief that a door of usefulness and service will be opened for him in one of our General Synod institutions at the termination of his course of study.

Resolution adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

The communications placed in the hands of your committee are two letters, one from Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, the other from Rev. J. Weywara, of Thomas, Ore.

The former expresses the interest of the Church Extension Board in our work and their willingness to stand by the work to the best of their ability. He also solicits a continuance of our interest in the work of the board. To this we reply that the interest and timely aid of the board in the work of the Synod is gratefully acknowledged. Our interest in the general work of the board is perennial.

The letter of Rev. J. Weywara is an application to be received into this Synod. He has already been informed that it will be necessary for him to appear before the Examining Committee of the Ministerium before his application can be granted.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
W. BETTEN.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies submits the following report:

There has been commendable activity in these branches of church work during the past year. A comprehensive view of the field indicates honest effort and hard work on the part of Sunday school superintendents and their co-workers, and the presidents of the Young People's Societies and their earnest helpers. The future of our Sunday schools and Young People's Societies is bright indeed, and a marked advance during the next twelve months may be anticipated.

Your committee's loyalty to the General Synod is the motive for incorporating in this report the following resolutions, passed at York, Pa., June 1st, 1899:

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed at this meeting of the Synod to formulate a series of graded lessons for the Primary and Intermediate Departments of our Sunday schools, said committee to report at the next meeting of the General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That our pastors be urged to give attention to catechetical instruction in connection with the lesson of each Sunday, and in that way provide systematic instruction for the whole school in the doctrines of God's word as understood and taught by the Lutheran Church.

3. *Resolved*, That we recognize the value of the Home Department in the Sunday school, and that we urge that this plan be adopted and thoroughly tested by our Sunday schools wherever it is possible.

In view of the excellent suggestions contained in the resolutions quoted, we recommend:

1. That the idea of graded lessons for the Primary and Intermediate Departments be presented by our pastors and superintendents at the teachers' meetings and the County and State conventions of Sunday schools.

2. That our pastors and superintendents at each session of the school make use of the catechetical instruction contained in the *Augsburg Lesson Book* for that Sunday.

3. That our pastors and superintendents see to it that, if possible, Home Departments be established at the earliest opportunity in their respective schools.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. FRY,
G. G. BURNETT,
G. N. HAVICE.

Report considered *seriatim*.

Recommendation 1. Adopted.

Recommendation 2. Adopted.

Recommendation 3. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Sexton Remunerated.

On motion, the sexton was granted $5.00 for his extra services.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your committee report as follows:

Requests to be excused from attendance upon this convention of Synod have come from Revs. M. W. Hamma, D. D., E. Unangst, D. D., S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., V. G. A. Tressler, J. S. Moser, J. Schmierer, and Mr. C. E. Newcomer.

Your committee recommend that these brethren be excused.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
L. R. GARRETT.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, your Committee on Auditing the Treasurer's Book of Account, find the same to be correct and vouchers for the money paid out, except as hereinafter stated. In the Synodical Treasury account we find several small unimportant expense items for which there are no vouchers. We also find a small discrepancy of two cents between the receipt and the amount paid to the Deaconess Board on November 7th, which that board has omitted from its receipt, and of ten cents in a receipt in the Pastors' Fund; on March 14th no vouchers are on file for the amounts sent to the several Eastern boards during the past five days, which we believe to be perfectly correct.

We recommend that the books of the Treasurer be approved.

We would, however, recommend that a different system of keeping the accounts to the extent of keeping a general cash account, at least, might be made, were it not for the fact that the present system has been in use so long that perhaps you might feel loath to make any change.

Respectfully submitted, A. E. FOX,
L. R. GARRETT.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod submits the following report:

1. On page 10 we find that instead of using blanks each pastor be required to annually present to the Standing Committee on the State of the Church a written report. Has this been done?

2. On page 16 we find a resolution that each pastor should annually preach a sermon in relation to the Sunday school work. Has this been done?

3. On page 16 (2) that the pastors should organize regular weekly teachers' meeting for the training and instruction of the teachers. Has this been done?

4. On page 16 (3) that Luther's Small Catechism be freely used in our Sunday schools. Has this been done?

5. On page 16 (4) that our Secretary be instructed to urge our representative on the International Lesson Committee. Has this been done?

The Minutes are printed in clear type and with good arrangement.

Respectfully submitted, H. GEHRCKE.

The questions were answered *seriatim* as follows:

1. All complied except two.

2. Majority, "No."

3. Majority, "No."

4. About one-half, "Yes."

5. Yes.

Report adopted.

Minutes of 1900.

Moved that 400 copies of the Minutes and Constitution and 250 copies of the Revised Constitution be printed, and that the Minutes be distributed to the congregations in proportion to moneys paid into the Synod's treasury for Synodical purposes.

Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Religious Services.

The Committee on Religious Service make the following appointments for the Sunday services:

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., First English Lutheran Church, of San Francisco, at 11 A. M., and the Mission Sunday School of that congregation at 2.30 P. M.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., First English Lutheran Church, of Oakland.

Rev. C. F. Oehler, St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church, of San Francisco.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman, English Lutheran Church, of San José, in the morning, and the German Evangelical Lutheran Christ Church, of Alameda, in the evening.

Rev. A. Jatho, German Lutheran Church, of Sacramento.

Rev. Dr. S. B. Barnitz and Rev. W. E. Fry, song and praise service

of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, to be held at the First English Lutheran Church, of San Francisco, next Sunday evening.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER,
H. GEHRCKE,
A. KUNER.

Report adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Apportionment was then received and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Nelander.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 12.45 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

After roll call the minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The special order of business, the election of officers, was taken up.

The President appointed as tellers Messrs. G. N. Havice and A. D. Campbell.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Secretary—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence submits the following report:

We find that the total beneficence for 1898 was $2048.91 and for 1899 $3211.79, an increase of $1162.88. We see a considerable progress in this important branch of church work throughout the State, and it is with pleasure and thanks to God that we call your attention to this fact.

Respectfully submitted,

A. JATHO,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

The California Synod has made for itself a gratifying record during the past year. All our churches have been supplied with the means of grace. Although

no remarkable growth is reported, yet spiritual advance has been made. The services have been better attended. Catechisation has received a large share of attention.

Materially marked progress has been made; all our churches stand on firmer ground financially than ever before. Debts have been reduced on a number of churches, and steps are being taken toward the erection of several new edifices. Thankful for the rich blessings showered upon us, we earnestly pray that with renewed consecration we may enter upon the work of the coming year to labor, to pray, and to give more than ever before for our beloved Lutheran Zion.

We recommend that hereafter the accompanying blank be filled out by each pastor, thus giving material from which the Committee on the State of the Church may make its report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
P. S. LEISENRING,
G. G. BURNETT.

Report and recommendation adopted.

The President then read the program for the next Synod (see page 4), which was approved. He also announced the Standing Committees. (See page 3.)

Delegates to General Synod.

The President appointed the following tellers to conduct the election of delegates to General Synod:

Messrs. A. D. Campbell, G. G. Burnett, and G. N. Havice; and Revs. G. H. Hillerman, J. W. Ball, and William Brandes.

Election resulted as follows:

CLERICAL.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
E. Nelander, Ph. D.,	William Kelly,
C. F. Oehler.	H. Gehrcke.

LAY.

G. G. Burnett,	A. D. Campbell,
P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	H. A. Getz.

Moved and seconded that the alternate receiving the highest number of votes be declared the first alternate to take the place of either principal who cannot attend the sessions of General Synod, and that this rule be adhered to in the future.

Carried.

Tressler Orphans' Home.

Mr. A. D. Campbell was elected representative of California Synod to the Board of Trustees of the Tressler Orphans' Home.

Visitor to Augustana Synod.

Moved and seconded that a visitor from our Synod be appointed to attend the next convention of the California Conference of Augustana Synod.

Carried.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., was appointed the visitor.

Next Convention.

On motion, April 17th, 1901, was set as the date for the assembling of the next convention of California Synod.

Minutes were then read and approved.

The order for closing of Synod as prescribed by the "Ministerial Acts" of the General Synod was followed, and Synod declared adjourned, to meet in Los Angeles, Wednesday, April 17th, 1901.

G. H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, The history of the Christian Church during all ages demonstrates the desirability, the value, even the necessity of the association of Christian ministers and churches, contiguously located, in occasional conventions, for the purpose of fostering Christian fellowship, preserving purity of doctrine, and promoting their mutual welfare and the general extension of the cause of Christ; therefore, we ministers, pastors, and lay representatives of Evangelical Lutheran Churches of the General Synod, in the State of California, in convention assembled, do hereby ordain and adopt, for ourselves and our successors, the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND BOUNDS.

SECTION 1. The name, style, and title of this Association shall be The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

SEC. 2. The boundaries of this Synod shall be those of the State of California and adjacent territory.

ARTICLE II.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Synod shall be in full harmony with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, in its doctrinal standards and cultus; accordingly, we, therefore, accept the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and the unaltered Augsburg Confession as the correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word and of the faith of our Church founded upon that Word.

ARTICLE III.

BUSINESS OF SYNOD.

The object and functions of this Synod shall be to deliberate upon the general affairs of the Church, to receive and decide upon appeals from Church

Councils and special Conferences, when regularly brought before it, to determine upon all charges against ministers, excepting those otherwise provided for in Art. XIII.; to form or change pastoral districts, or give advice respecting them, paying due regard to the rights and wishes of congregations, to foster and provide for the interests of the general benevolences, and to care for and attend to all such objects and affairs as in its judgment may promote the piety, prosperity, and extension of the Church.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Synod shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, the last of whom may be a layman.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the opening of the last session of the annual convention, a simple majority being necessary to a choice.

SEC. 3. At a second balloting for officers the election shall be confined to the two highest candidates.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT.

(1) The President shall preside at all meetings of Synod and Ministerium, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of President.

(2) He shall appoint all committees, not otherwise provided for; shall have the casting vote, except in an election by ballot, when he shall have the right of suffrage, but not the casting vote; shall deliver a Synodical discourse at the opening of the annual convention, and, in consultation with the Secretary of the Synod and the pastor *loci*, shall appoint all other speakers during the convention.

(3) At the opening business session of each convention, he shall present a written report of all his officials acts since the previous convention, and of all occurrences, in the interim, of interest and importance to Synod, and shall also recommend for consideration any measures, in his judgment, desirable or necessary.

(4) If application be made to the President for licensure within three months prior to the annual convention, it shall be referred to the Synod. If it be made earlier in the Synodical year, the applicant shall be referred to the Committee on Licensure and Ordination, as provided in Article XII., Sec. 5, of this Constitution; and upon the recommendation of this committee, he shall grant said applicant a license, *ad interim*, until the next Synodical Convention.

(5) It shall be the President's duty to give counsel to any member or congregation, when requested, or he deems it important, and especially to admonish and advise any erring brother.

(6) Should the President be absent at the opening of the Synodical Con-

vention, the Secretary shall preside; if both are absent, these two offices shall be filled *pro tempore* by election.

(7) In case of the death, resignation, or disqualification of the President, or his removal from the bounds of the Synod, the Secretary shall discharge the duties of President until the next annual convention. Should both President and Secretary thus leave the office of President vacant, it may be filled by appointment, by the chairmen of the various Standing Committees acting as an Executive Committee for this purpose. The President thus appointed shall appoint a Secretary *pro tempore*.

(8) The President shall have power to appoint *ad interim* delegates to other Synods when he deems it expedient. Also, to call at any time during the Synodical Convention, a meeting of the Ministerium, as per Article IX., Sec. 2.

SEC. 2. THE SECRETARY.

(1) The Secretary shall keep a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of the Synod, in a book provided for that purpose.

(2) He shall have charge of and carefully preserve the papers, the seal, etc., of the Synod, subject to its direction, and do all the official writing of the body not otherwise provided for. Any minister of Synod shall have the privilege of access to these papers at any time, but no part of them shall be removed from his custody or destroyed.

(3) He shall keep an accurate register of all the ministers, congregations, and pastorates belonging to this Synod.

(4) He shall give official notice of the meeting of Synod at least six weeks prior to the time appointed; also, of all special meetings; and shall furnish with the notice of the annual meeting to each pastor, and to the Secretary of the Church Council of any vacant pastorate, the statistical and parochial blanks provided by the General Synod, and by the California Synod.

(5) He shall publish and distribute the Minutes of Synod according to its directions.

(6) If the office of Secretary should become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification, or removal from Synodical bounds, the President shall require all the property of Synod in charge of the Secretary to be delivered to the Secretary *pro tempore*, whom he shall at once appoint.

(7) The Secretary of Synod shall also act as Secretary of Ministerium.

SEC. 3. THE TREASURER.

(1) The Treasurer shall take charge of all the money belonging to Synod, and shall keep it subject to its order, or *ad interim* the order of its President; also, of all moneys contributed for the benevolent work of the Church, and shall pay the sums thus contributed to the objects specified by contributors.

(2) He shall keep and present at each annual meeting a faithful and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures during the year, and of the present state of the treasury.

(3) He shall give a bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, if Synod so desires it.

(4) Should this office become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification, or removal from the Synodical bounds, the President shall appoint a Treasurer *pro tempore*, to whom shall be delivered all the money, certificates, bonds, or other financial documents belonging to the Synod.

(5) The Treasurer shall be *ex officio* member of the Synod with the privilege of debate, but not of suffrage, unless also the delegate of the congregation to which he belongs.

(6) He shall close the books one week before convention of Synod, and all moneys received thereafter shall be credited on the new Synodical year.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. This Synod shall consist of such Evangelical Lutheran ministers and delegates from Evangelical Lutheran churches or pastorates situated in its bounds (and in special cases of others not so situated) as shall submit to the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. Any Lutheran minister in connection with any district Synod of any of the General Lutheran bodies of the United States may become a member of this Synod upon the presentation of a certificate of honorable dismission from his district Synod. Any ordained minister of any independent Lutheran Synod or congregation may also be admitted after recommendation of Examination Committee.

SEC. 3. Any ordained minister from another denomination may be admitted to membership in this Synod upon the presentation of proper credentials of good moral character and ministerial deportment, provided he give evidence, on examination by the Ministerium, as a committee of the whole, of his general scholarly fitness, his acceptance of the doctrinal standards of this Synod, and his willingness to practice the usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SEC. 4. Any minister, in good and regular standing, who removes from the bounds of this Synod into those of another, shall upon application to the President be granted a letter of honorable dismission over his signature, provided said minister has fulfilled the requirements of the Constitution and By-laws, said dismission to take effect upon notice of his reception by the receiving Synod.

SEC. 5. Any ordained minister who shall discontinue the active duties of the ministry shall be expected to connect himself with some Lutheran church, and thus place himself under its government and discipline.

SEC. 6. No minister shall interfere with the charge of another, by preaching or performing other ministerial acts therein, except by his request or consent.

SEC. 7. Ministers of other Synods and of other evangelical denominations, who may be present, may be received as advisory members by vote of Synod; as such they shall have liberty of speech, but no vote.

SEC. 8. Lay delegates shall present proper credentials of election, and shall then have equal rights with the other members.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of every minister, lay delegate, and congregation belonging to this Synod to observe the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.

CONGREGATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any congregation or pastorate in its bounds (and in special cases, others not so situated) may become connected with this Synod, on application, and approval of the Constitution of the congregation so applying.

SEC. 2. Every pastorate of this Synod shall elect a lay delegate to represent it in the annual convention.

SEC. 3. Every vacant congregation or pastorate is expected to send a commissioner to the annual convention, who shall have all the rights of a regular delegate.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of each pastor, or, in case of a vacancy, of the Secretary of the Church Council, to forward to Synod an annual report of the charge, embracing statistics, state of religion, contributions, etc., on blanks provided for the purpose by the General Synod, and as provided by By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. This Synod shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, at the request of at least three ordained ministers, by giving two weeks' previous notice. The business shall be confined to the specified object of the special meeting.

SEC. 3. At least five ordained ministers and two lay delegates shall be required to constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. All members of Synod are expected to be present at each meeting, and shall not be absent without urgent necessity; voluntary engagements and ordinary official duties shall not be deemed sufficient excuse. In case of unavoidable absence, a written excuse shall be sent to Synod. Inexcusable absence for two successive years shall be construed into disrespect for Synod, for which the name of the delinquent may be stricken from the roll of members; and, in such case, he shall not be permitted to serve churches in connection with this Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

THE MINISTERIUM.

SECTION 1. The Ministerium shall be composed, exclusively, of ordained ministers of the Synod.

SEC. 2. The regular sessions of the Ministerium shall be held during the convention of Synod. A special meeting may be called at any time by the

President, if requested by three ordained ministers of Synod, but not oftener than twice in the same year.

SEC. 3. A majority of the ministers of Synod shall be necessary for a quorum.

SEC. 4. The Ministerium shall attend to the examination, licensure, and ordination of candidates for the ministry, and for the reception of ministers from other ecclesiastical bodies, and for such licensure, ordination, or reception a two-thirds majority of all the clerical members present at Synod shall be required.

It shall also hear, examine, and decide all charges of heresy, drunkenness, lewdness, or any high crime against a minister, and all appeals from the decision of a Church Council on a charge of heresy against a layman, or from the decision of a committee on a similar charge against a minister.

SEC. 5. The following shall be the order of business of the Ministerium:

(1) All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

(2) The President shall state the object of the meeting.

(3) Applications for membership received, reports of committees on journals, sermons, etc., of licentiates, also reports of examining committees.

(4) Unfinished business.

(5) New and miscellaneous business.

ARTICLE X.

LICENSURE OF CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. Applicants for licensure must sustain a creditable examination upon the following subjects:

Personal Piety.
Motives for Seeking the Holy Office.
The Greek and Hebrew Scriptures.
The Evidences of Christianity.
Natural and Revealed Theology.
Church History.
Pastoral Theology.
Homiletics.
Catechetics.
Church Government.

SEC. 2. The Synod shall, in no case whatsoever, license an individual whom they do not believe to be hopefully pious; nor shall any applicant, except in extraordinary cases, be licensed whom the Ministerium do not find possessed of a competent acquaintance with the subjects named above.

SEC. 3. A licentiate has power to perform all the functions of the Christian ministry during the time specified in his license. He shall be under the special care of the President; shall receive counsel from him, and apply to him for advice in case of difficulty. When he obtains a stated charge, he shall be restricted to it, and shall not resign it without the consent of the

Synod, or, in its recess, of its President. In addition to the ordinary duties of the ministry, he shall particularly devote all his leisure time to his personal improvement in knowledge and grace. He shall also keep a general journal of all his ministerial acts, which, with a few sermons of his own composition, he must deliver or send annually for the inspection of the Ministerium.

SEC. 4. All licenses shall extend to the next regular meeting of the Synod, or until the candidate is ordained.

SEC. 5. After a proper period of probation, or at any time, if in the judgment of the Synod a licentiate proves himself unqualified for the duties of the ministry, his license shall be withdrawn.

SEC. 6. When it is decided that an applicant be licensed, the licensure shall proceed according to the forms provided by the General Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

ORDINATION.

SECTION 1. When the Synod has decided that an individual shall be permanently invested with the ministerial office, the ceremony must be performed at the time by the assembled Synod, or by a committee, at a time appointed, in the charge of the person to be ordained.

SEC. 2. In cases where want of ordination would operate against the influence and success of a licentiate, the President may, on the recommendation of five ordained ministers of the Synod, ordain each licentiate.

SEC. 3. The ceremony of ordination shall be that provided for by the General Synod.

ARTICLE XII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At each annual convention of Synod the following seven standing committees shall be appointed, each to consist of three members, one of whom may be a layman, excepting Committee No. 4, the President to be *ex-officio* Chairman of the first two named:

(1) On Home Missions.
(2) On Church Extension.
(3) On Beneficiary Education.
(4) On the Examination of Candidates for Licensure and Ordination.
(5) On Parochial Reports.
(6) On State of the Church.
(7) On Minutes of Synod.

SEC. 2. The special business of the Committee on Home Missions shall be to look up promising fields for the organization of new churches, to have special oversight in co-operation with the General Board of Home Missions of all missions located within the bounds of this Synod, to examine and pass upon all applications for aid to the Board of Home Missions, and in such applications

shall reserve the right to consultation with respect to the appointment of the missionaries.

In case of the vacancy of any pastorate, this committee, in co-operation with the local Church Council, shall see that supplies are furnished, so as to maintain regular services, and shall labor to have such vacancies filled as speedily as possible.

All missions located within the bounds of this Synod shall make an annual report to the committee at least three weeks before the annual convention.

All applications for aid to this committee shall be on the blanks prescribed for the purpose by the General Board. The committee shall present an extended report at each annual convention of Synod, embracing all the missionary operations within the Synodical limits, together with any facts, suggestions, etc., that may contribute to the advancement of local Home Missions. This committee shall meet at any time at the call of the Chairman.

SEC. 3. The special business of the Committee on Church Extension shall be to secure church lots by gifts, or otherwise, as they may provide, in localities that afford a fair opportunity for the inauguration of new work by our Church; and also to examine and endorse all applications to the Board of Church Extension for aid before they are transmitted to said Board. The title to all property secured for church purposes by this Board shall be vested in "The Board of Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States," until such time as the title may be passed by the said Board of Church Extension to a regularly organized church in connection with this Synod, using such property for church purposes; provided, always, that the constitution of said local church secures to the said Board of Church Extension the title to this property over and above all liabilities and incumbrances, in case such local church should cease to exist, fail to elect officers, or change its ecclesiastical relations. This committee shall present a report to each annual convention of Synod concerning the Church Extension interests within its bounds. This committee shall meet at any time at the call of the Chairman.

SEC. 4. All funds raised for Beneficiary Education in this Synod shall be paid to the Treasurer of Synod, who shall disburse them at the order of the Committee on Beneficiary Education as directed by the Synod.

This committee shall have special oversight of all beneficiaries upon its funds; shall require satisfactory reports of progress in scholarship and of deportment; and shall make an annual report to Synod of its general work and of each and every student upon its funds.

All applicants for aid must give this committee satisfactory information upon the following points:

(*a*) Age and present calling.
(*b*) Personal piety, church membership.
(*c*) Educational opportunities and attainments.
(*d*) Talents, qualifications, and call to the ministry.

(*e*) Need of pecuniary assistance.

(*f*) General health and vigor of constitution.

In case no applicant for aid appears from the bounds of this Synod, others may be received, who are duly recommended, in harmony with the above requirements, by the Board of Home Missions, or by the faculty of any General Synod institution of learning; provided said applicants express a willingness to labor on the territory of this Synod, if the opportunity be afforded.

Every beneficiary receiving aid from this Synod shall be required to sign a note of the following form, for every sum received:

For value received, I promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, the sum of —— dollars; if, after I shall have entered the ministry, I shall be able to do so; provided, however, that if I should fail to enter the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in connection with the General Synod, or fail to remain therein, or be dismissed from the institution of learning for misconduct, or leave the Lutheran Church, then the whole of the above sum shall be due, with —— per cent. interest from date.

When a beneficiary has become liable for sums received as per conditions of above note, this committee shall take, or cause to be taken, all lawful and honorable means to collect said sums due this Synod.

This committee shall meet at any time at the call of the Chairman.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Licensure and Ordination shall consist of three ordained ministers.

All applicants for Licensure or Ordination shall appear before this committee, and sustain a preliminary examination, as specified in Articles X. and XI., and no applicant shall appear before the Ministerium before being so examined and recommended by this committee.

After his preliminary examination and recommendation by this committee, an applicant may be subjected to a further examination by the Ministerium sitting as a committee of the whole.

The ordinary meetings of this committee shall be held during the convention of Synod. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President of Synod, as per Article V., Sec. 1.

SEC. 6. Each Standing Committee is expected to send in a written report at the first business session of Synod.

ARTICLE XIII.

PROCESS AGAINST A MINISTER.

SECTION 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much on the character of its ministers, Synod ought to regard with the utmost care and impartiality the conduct of its members.

SEC. 2. All Christians should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an evil report of any member of the Church, and especially of a minister of

the Gospel. If any member knows a minister to be guilty of a private censurable fault, he should warn him in private; if this prove fruitless, he should apply to the Church Council, who shall proceed as specified in Chapter III., Sec. 5, of Formula of Government.

SEC. 3. If accusation be lodged, according to Chapter III., Sec. 5, with the President within two months of the next Synodical meeting, he shall defer the matter to said meeting; yet if the charge be one of gross immorality or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties until his case is decided. If such accusation be lodged with the President at an earlier date, he shall, if the case be one of gross immorality or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, immediately appoint a committee of five ordained ministers of the Synod to meet without unnecessary delay, at a suitable place, and institute a formal investigation of the case, according to the principles of this Formula. The chairman of the committee shall give at least ten days' notice to all parties concerned of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 4. If the Synod is divided into Conference Districts, the President may at his discretion intrust the matter to conference, and notify the members to meet and proceed as above.

SEC. 5. Any three members of the committee, or a majority of the conference thus meeting, shall have power to proceed and hold a fair and impartial investigation of the case, and take all such necessary measures as may be just and proper to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused.

SEC. 6. If the accused confess, and the matter be such gross immorality or circulating fundamental error, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of the office until the meeting of the Synod.

SEC. 7. If a minister accused of gross offenses, being duly notified, refuse to attend the investigation, he shall be immediately suspended from office.

SEC. 8. If the accused deny the charge, and yet, on the examination of the evidence, be found guilty, the committee or conference shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence on him.

SEC. 9. The highest punishment which can be inflicted by a committee or special conference, appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported at next meeting of Synod, and remain in force until reversed by the Synod.

SEC. 10. Any minister intending to appeal from the decision of a committee or conference shall give notice of it to the chairman of the committee or conference within three weeks of the time when the decision was made, that both parties may be prepared for a new trial.

SEC. 11. Conferences, not especially convened for the purpose, may attend to any charges of importance against a minister within their bounds, if all the parties concerned are prepared and willing to proceed.

SEC. 12. If at any time accusation be lodged with the President according to Chap. III., Sec. 5, for a less offense than those specified in Sec. 3 of this

article, he shall take no other steps in the case than to write to the accused and accusers, exhorting them to mutual forbearance, and referring them to the next Synod.

SEC. 13. If accusation against a minister be made immediately to the Synod, and the Synod believe itself in possession of all the evidence necessary to a just decision, the case may be immediately examined and sentence passed, provided the accused shall have had fifteen days' notice, together with a written specification of the charges brought against him, and this whether he shall be present at Synod or not. But if the necessary evidence be not before the Synod and the offense be such as specified in Sec. 3, then it shall be intrusted to a committee or conference to proceed as above specified.

SEC. 14. If a minister be found guilty of gross immorality or circulating fundamental error in doctrine, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed until he shall give satisfactory evidence of penitence and reformation, and his restoration shall be by the same judicatory which suspended him, or at its recommendation.

SEC. 15. If the common report of a minister's guilt or any of the charges above specified be such as seriously to injure the cause of religion, and his own church do not proceed against him, it shall be the duty of any other minister or layman, having obtained two other signatures of credible men, to report the case to the President.

ARTICLE XIV.

FINANCES.

SECTION 1. All necessary expenses of this Synod shall be met by annual contributions by each congregation within its bounds, in such ratio as Synod may direct.

SEC. 2. Each congregation of this Synod shall systematically provide to meet the apportionment for benevolence as directed by the General Synod and the California Synod.

ARTICLE XV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Installations and Calls.

SECTION 1. When a minister is called to take charge of a congregation, it is regarded as desirable that the union between pastor and people be solemnized be special installation services. The President shall, therefore, appoint a committee, when requested so to do, to attend to such services as are prescribed in our Liturgy for such occasions, and said committee shall report to the President the act of installation.

SEC. 2. No charge shall extend a call to a pastor until it has fulfilled its financial obligations to its former pastor.

Conference Districts.

SECTION 1. This Synod shall be formed into two Conference Districts, divided by the Northern boundary line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties.

SEC. 2. The object of such meetings shall be the preaching of the Word, mutual consultation and encouragement in the work of the Lord, and seeking in every proper way to advance the interest of religion among the churches.

SEC. 3. Conferences may attend to any business referred to them by Synod or by congregations, which does not specially belong to Synod itself.

SEC. 4. The records of the proceedings of conferences shall be submitted to Synod for examination and review.

SEC. 5. Lay delegates may be sent to conference under the same regulations and with the same privileges as to Synods.

ARTICLE XVI.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The President shall open the first session of Synod with the forms prescribed by the General Synod, and every session thereafter shall be opened and closed with prayer. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall conduct the opening exercises; and in the absence of both, the oldest acting minister present.

2. Calling of the roll of ministers and licentiates by the Secretary and noting the absentees.

3. Reception of lay delegates, who shall exhibit their certificates of appointment and be registered.

4. Application for membership from other Lutheran Synods received. If objection be made to an applicant, the case shall be deferred until after Synod is fully organized.

5. Reading the President's annual report.

6. Treasurer's report.

7. Delegates from other Synods or members from other bodies received.

8. Minutes of the last Synod read or referred to a committee.

9. All papers intended for the Synod may be handed in and verbal notice given of any important business intended to be brought before the Synod.

10. The papers may be taken up and discussed or referred to appropriate committees, who can report at any time when ready. Reports of special and standing committees shall have preference.

11. Presentations of Parochial Reports according to the rules of Synod.

12. Education and missionary business. This may be attended to by Synod as a whole, or committees may be charged with it, who shall report to Synod.

13. Vacant congregations inquired into and provisions made for them.

14. Promiscuous business.

15. Election of officers for ensuing year.

16. Election of delegates to General Synod, and of trustees or directors in any institution in which Synod is represented. All elections shall be by ballot.

17. Appointment of delegates to other Synods or other ecclesiastical bodies.

18. Choice of time and place of meeting.

19. Adjournment of Synod to time and place of next meeting. Synod shall be closed with the forms prescribed by the General Synod.

ARTICLE XVII.

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS, ETC.

SECTION 1. This Synod may at any regular meeting adopt such By-laws as circumstances may require, provided they are not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended, provided such alteration or amendment be set forth in writing in the precise words which are to be altered or amended, and as such be incorporated in the minutes, and provided that at the next annual meeting of the Synod two-thirds of all the members present agree to the proposed change. Amendments or alterations to By-laws subject to same conditions, a year's notice alone excepted.

C. F. OEHLER,
W. S. HOSKINSON,
E. NELANDER,
G. H. HILLERMAN,
Committee.

BY-LAWS.

1. No subject shall be discussed without being first properly presented in the form of a written motion with a second; and the mover shall, with the consent of the second, have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before it is amended, or before the question is taken.

2. If any proposition or motion contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

3. An amendment, to be in order, must refer to the subject under consideration; nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except (1) to adjourn, (2) to lay on the table, (3) to close debate, (4) to postpone to a specified time, (5) to refer to a committee, (6) to amend, (7) to postpone indefinitely—which motions shall take precedence in the order in which they are numbered.

5. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is on the floor speaking.

6. The motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely shall be taken without debate.

7. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question when requested by four members of the convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the convention.

9. Before the close of the convention the President shall appoint the Committee on Parochial Reports, on the State of the Church, and on Minutes of Synod. These committees shall report early in the next convention of Synod.

10. All the ministers and congregations must send their Parochial Reports to the Chairman of the Parochial Committee one week before the day of the assembling of Synod; and this committee shall meet the day before the opening of Synod, arrange, and complete, and be ready to report to Synod the full and complete parochial report. Whenever a pastor leaves a charge, he shall furnish to the President of Synod a parochial report up to the time of resignation, and until such report is furnished a letter of dismissal shall not be granted. Pastors shall also send to the Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church a report on that subject at that time.

11. The Synodical year shall close one week before the day for the convention of Synod, and everything given or done after that day shall be credited as work of the new year.

APPENDIX B.

Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1900-1901.

	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	Total.
Rate	....	.04 1-2	.07	.23 7-16	.20 5-6	.20 5-6	.15	.10	.05	.07	.05	$1.18 29-48
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	52	$2 34	$3 64	$12 19	$10 83	$10 83	$7 80	$5 20	$2 60	$3 64	$2 60	61 67
Los Angeles, Rev. Ball	240	10 80	16 80	56 25	50 00	50 00	36 00	24 00	12 00	16 80	12 00	284 65
Oakland, Rev. Kelly	73	3 29	5 11	17 11	15 21	15 21	10 95	7 30	3 65	5 11	3 65	86 59
Riverside, Rev. Hillerman	49	2 21	3 43	11 48	10 21	10 21	7 35	4 90	2 45	3 43	2 45	53 14
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	135	6 08	9 45	31 62	28 12	28 12	20 25	13 50	6 75	9 45	6 75	160 09
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	221	9 95	15 47	51 80	46 04	46 04	33 15	22 10	11 05	15 47	11 05	262 12
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	87	3 92	6 09	20 39	18 13	18 13	13 05	8 70	4 35	6 09	4 35	104 20
San Francisco, Rev. Nelander	226	10 17	15 82	52 97	47 08	47 08	33 90	22 60	11 30	15 82	11 30	268 04
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	37	1 67	2 59	8 67	7 71	7 71	5 55	3 70	1 85	2 59	1 85	42 89
San José, Rev. Fry	177	7 97	12 39	41 48	36 88	36 88	26 55	17 70	8 85	12 39	8 85	209 94
Total	1297											$1533 33

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BRANDES,
G. H. HILLERMAN.

APPENDIX C.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from May 5, 1899, to April 25, 1900.*

	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	External Objects.	Home for Aged.	Totals.
To balance	.....	$80 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$80 84
Alameda	$0 88	4 40	$11 00	$8 40	$8 40	$4 40	$4 40	$2 20	$1 55	.....	$2 20	47 83
Los Angeles	6 30	21 50	69 47	40 85	40 85	21 50	21 50	10 75	7 52	.....	10 75	250 99
Oakland	2 00	7 00	18 15	16 55	34 92	7 00	7 00	3 50	2 45	.....	3 50	102 07
Riverside	90	4 80	11 00	23 60	8 85	5 50	4 75	3 20	3 10	.....	2 35	68 05
Sacramento (German)	4 10	20 50	49 97	40 91	38 98	30 00	20 50	10 25	10 17	$44 00	10 25	235 63
Sacramento (English)	2 60	8 00	31 85	24 76	24 70	13 00	6 75	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	117 66
San Diego	1 82	9 10	22 18	17 29	17 29	9 10	9 10	4 55	3 18	.....	4 55	98 16
San Francisco (English)	.....	21 60	52 65	41 04	17 96	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 75	150 00
San Francisco (German)	64	3 20	10 80	8 11	6 08	3 20	3 20	1 60	1 12	.....	1 60	39 55
San José	3 52	17 60	42 90	14 38	14 38	.....	.....	8 80	.....	.....	.....	101 58
Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Monrovia, Dr. Barnitz	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Amount Received	$22 76	$200 54	$320 97	$235 89	$212 41	$104 70	$77 20	$46 85	$31 09	$49 00	$42 95	$1295 36
Amount Remitted	22 76	141 79	320 97	230 79	212 41	104 70	77 20	46 85	31 09	49 00	42 95	1231 51
Difference	.....	$58 75	.....	$5 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$63 85

By Lutheran Publication Society, printing Minutes	$52 16	Synodical Treasury and Foreign Missions	$205 64
By San Diego Church	80 00	Total Expenditure	141 79
By Rev. Dr. Hoskinson	60	Cash on hand, April 25th, 1900	$63 85
By Treasurer's Expenses	9 03		
Total	$141 79	Respectfully submitted, P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*	

APPENDIX D.—Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.			Board of Education.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$0 88			$4 40			$11 00	$0 28		$8 40	$0 04		$8 40	$0 04		$4 40		
Los Angeles	6 30	$2 00		21 50			69 47	17 06		40 85			40 85			21 50		
Oakland, English	2 00	60		7 00			18 15	1 09		16 55	3 25		34 92	21 62		7 00		
Oakland, German			$0 56			$2 80			$6 82			$5 32			$5 32			$2 80
Riverside	90	02		4 80	$0 40		11 00	28		23 60	15 24		8 85	49		5 50	$1 10	
Sacramento, English	2 60			8 00		5 00	31 85	16		24 76	06		24 70			13 00		
Sacramento, German	4 10			20 50			49 97			40 91	1 96		38 98	03		30 00	9 50	
San Diego	1 82			9 10			22 18			17 29			17 29			9 10		
San Francisco, English			4 32	21 60			52 65			41 04			17 96		23 08	11 00		10 60
San Francisco, German	64			3 20			10 80	3 00		8 11	2 03		6 08			3 20		
San José	3 52			17 60			42 90			14 38		19 06	14 38		19 06			17 60
Totals	$22 76		$2 26	$217 70		$7 40	$319 97	$15 05		$235 89		$1 80	$212 41		$25 28	$104 70		$20 40

	Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Deaconess Board.			Home for Aged.			Grand Totals.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Total Benevolence.	Total Excess.	Total Deficit.
Alameda	$4 40			$2 20			$1 55	$0 01		$2 20			$47 83	$0 37	
Los Angeles	21 50			10 75			7 52			10 75			250 99	19 06	
Oakland, English	7 00			3 50			2 45			3 50			102 07	26 56	
Oakland, German			$2 80			$1 40			$0 98			$1 40			$30 20
Riverside	4 75	$0 35		3 20	$1 00		3 10	1 56		2 35	$0 15		68 05	20 59	
Sacramento, English	6 75		6 25	2 00		4 50	2 00		2 55	2 00		4 50	112 66	22	22 80
Sacramento, German	20 50			10 25			10 17	3 00		10 25			191 63	14 49	
San Diego	9 10			4 55			3 18			4 55			98 16		
San Francisco, English			21 60			10 80			7 56	5 75		5 05	150 00		83 01
San Francisco, German	3 20			1 60			1 12			1 60			39 55	5 03	
San José			17 60	8 80					6 16			8 80	101 58		88 28
Totals	$77 20		$47 90	$46 85		$15 70	$31 09		$12 68	$42 95		$19 50	$1162 52		$137 96

(Corrected by the Secretary.)

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. CAMPBELL,

G. G. BURNETT.

APPENDIX E.—PARÓCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNÓD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Rev. William Brandes, 752 Pacific Ave., Alameda	Christ German Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	..	..	12	2	....	1	14	2	3	....	6	52	$2600 00	$1275 00	$771 00	1
Rev. Jesse W. Ball, cor. 8th and Flower Sts., Los Angeles,	First English Lutheran Church	1	..	2	..	19	3	7	3	19	2	11	17	8	240	25000 00	5147 50	2149 96	2
Rev. William Kelly, 568 12th St., Oakland	First English Lutheran.	1	..	2	..	13	1	....	9	6	1	9	1	2	73	22000 00	.....	5254 87	3
Rev. G. H. Hillerman, 154 Orange St., Riverside	Trinity Evan. Luth.	1	1	1	..	5	....	....	....	2	....	....	3	2	49	100 00	.....	370 97	4
Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., 1415 18th St., Sacramento	First English Lutheran.	1	1	2	..	12	2	2	8	7	3	7	5	2	135	20000 00	2000 00	1929 10	5
Rev. Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St., Sacramento	German Lutheran	1	..	1	..	26	4	....	8	49	....	28	....	..	221	20000 00	400 00	3137 85	6
Rev. J. E. Hoick, 1323 3d St., San Diego	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	5	2	4	6	3	2	1	3	2	87	15000 00	4800 00	3058 25	7
Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., 1319 Geary St., San Francisco	First English Lutheran.	1	1	2	..	24	1	2	30	68	3	23	17	..	226	55000 00	9700 00	3076 00	8
Rev. Hermann Gehrcke, 741 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco	St. Matthew's German Lutheran	1	..	..	..	7	2	2	....	22	....	7	2	..	37	2580 00	.....	1318 55	9
Rev. William Engelbert Fry, 324 N. 2d St., San José	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	12	3	14	....	19	1	10	6	1	177	15000 00	3370 00	1193 54	10
Totals for 1900		10	4	14	..	135	20	31	*93	209	14	99	54	23	1297	$177280 00	$30992 00	$22260 07	11
Totals for 1899		11	3	13	..	134	17	27	95	252	16	109	56	33	1251	185140 07	42452 50	17290 31	12
Gain		..	1	1	..	1	3	4	....	....	....	....	....	..	46	.....	.....	$4969 76	13
Loss		1	..	..	..	....	....	....	2	43	2	10	2	10	....	$7860 07	$11460 50	.....	14

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	2	7	67	$43 00	$18 00	....	.....	.....	$0 88	$4 40	$11 00	$8 40	$8 40	$4 40	.....	$19 45	$4 40	$2 20	$1 55	$2 20	.....	$67 28	$838 28
2	1	20	175	120 39	118 75	25	$17 50	$1 50	$4 30	21 50	69 47	99 37	257 85	21 50	.....	110 80	21 50	10 75	7 52	10 75	$225 00	860 31	3010 27
3	1	18	150	105 32	17 86	30	267 05	14 57	2 00	7 00	19 05	22 75	34 92	7 00	.....	12 50	7 00	3 50	2 45	3 50	10 00	131 67	5386 54
4	1	12	63	49 81	36 83	....	.....	.....	90	4 80	23 10	35 60	59 35	5 50	.....	25 75	4 75	3 20	3 10	2 35	28 50	197 90	568 87
5	1	13	155	214 35	17 65	41	19 35	9 85	2 60	8 00	31 85	24 76	24 70	13 00	.....	35 00	6 75	2 00	2 00	2 00	120 00	267 66	2196 76
6	1	16	215	261 16	40 34	85	176 08	25 00	4 10	20 50	49 97	40 91	38 95	30 00	.....	161 87	20 50	10 25	10 17	10 25	424 00	822 50	3959 35
7	1	18	122	210 31	57 20	17	4 15	14 30	1 82	9 10	22 18	17 29	17 29	9 10	.....	39 98	9 10	4 55	3 18	4 55	11 00	149 14	3207 39
8	2	24	168	280 00	46 90	72	186 20	12 50	.....	8 80	89 40	23 09	138 96	5 00	.....	52 00	.....	.....	5 75	.....	.....	436 95	3522 95
9	1	8	90	88 15	.....	....	.....	.....	65	3 20	8 00	7 85	6 10	3 20	.....	70 25	3 20	1 60	1 15	1 60	25 07	131 80	1450 35
10	1	12	83	69 17	57 04	25	60 00	3 00	3 52	17 60	42 90	14 38	14 38	.....	.....	20 00	.....	8 80	.....	.....	25 00	146 58	1340 12
11	12	148	1288	1441 66	420 57	295	730 30	80 72	20 77	104 90	366 92	295 44	600 90	98 70	.....	547 60	77 20	46 85	36 87	37 20	868 50	3211 79	25480 88
12	11	144	1372	1088 69	371 13	321	388 26	162 15	16 09	90 25	267 09	230 20	217 14	75 00	.....	494 15	62 48	39 55	28 51	32 30	269 40	2048 91	19339 22
13	1	4	....	$352 97	$49 44	....	$342 04	.....	$4 68	$14 65	$99 83	$65 24	$383 76	$23 70	.....	$53 45	$4 72	$7 30	$8 36	$4 90	$599 10	$1162 88	$6141 66
14	....	....	64	.....	.....	26	.....	$81 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 3.30 P. M.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society met according to appointment in the parlors of the First English Lutheran Church, of San Francisco, Cal., Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., pastor.

The session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the President, Mrs. R. H. Young, of San Diego.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. E. Nelander, of San Francisco, Cal.

To this cordial welcome Miss K. Stuber, of Sacramento, responded on behalf of the delegates.

At this point an invitation was extended the convention to visit the Synod to listen to an address on "Home Missions," by Dr. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

The credentials of the delegates were then presented and enrolled as follows:

Sacramento, English—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson.
Sacramento, German—Miss Stuber,
Mrs. G. Grunewald,
Mrs. Meckfessel.
Christian Endeavor Society—Miss Lizzie Sachs.
San Francisco, English—Mrs. J. Everding,
Mrs. E. Johansen,
Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.
San Francisco, German—Mrs. H. Mauch,
Miss Folcke.
Oakland—Mrs. William Kelly,
Mrs. A. E. Fox.
San Jose—Mrs. W. E. Fry,
Miss Cora Wolf.
Los Angeles—Miss J. Steele.
Riverside—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman (*a. e.*).
San Diego—Mrs. R. H. Young.
Alameda—Mrs. William Brandes,
Mrs. J. Lubben.

a. e.—Absent and excused.

Rev. William Kelly here addressed the convention and spoke of the advisability of publishing a paper, to be called the *Western Lutheran*, on this coast.

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Mrs. J. C. Walling, and Mrs. G. Grunewald were appointed the committee to write to the different auxiliaries to solicit subscribers for the same.

The President appointed the following committees:

List of Committees.

President's Address—Mrs. Hoskinson, Miss K. Stuber.
Auditing Committee—Mrs. J. Everding, Miss J. Steele.
Letters and Papers—Mrs. Fox and Miss L. Sachs.
Resolutions—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Mrs. G. Grunewald.

Literature—Miss M. Folcke, Mrs. Mauch.
Constitution—Mrs. J. C. Walling, Mrs. Hoskinson, Miss Stuber.

Reporters to Papers.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.
Lutheran Evangelist—Miss K. Stuber.
Lutheran World—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.
Missionary Journal—Miss M. Love.
Daily Papers—Mrs. G. G. Burnett.

Next on the programme was the address of the President, Mrs. R. H. Young, of San Diego.

President's Address.

Dear Sisters: It seems but a few short months since it was our privilege and pleasure to welcome the Eighth Annual Convention of the California Synod at San Diego. Time flies fast when we are engaged in the Master's work. We have come together again to reconsecrate ourselves to the blessed cause of missions and to talk over our Father's business. His business is urgent, and His field all ripe for the harvest. Let us press forward with a determination to do greater things during the year 1900 than have ever been done in the past. And we may strive to bring our lives, as well as those of our fellows, up to the high plain where Christ invites us. He says, "On my hand-maidens will I pour forth of my spirit." May we claim this promise and "our lips be filled with truth, our voices with prayer, our eyes with pity, our hands with charity, our hearts with love."

In reviewing the work of the year, it is very gratifying to note the increasing interest and activity of the auxiliaries. Circulating libraries have been established in several of the societies. Christian Endeavor Societies have become auxiliary in others. An increased number of Missionary Journals are taken, denoting new interest in literature.

The Chairman of our Literature Committee has been untiring in her efforts to extend this branch of our work. It is pleasing to note an increase of members and of money raised. The plan of tithing seems to be gaining in favor with our members. This way of meeting our obligations should be adopted by all. It is the true way.

I have kept in touch with every society of the Synod by writing an occasional letter. The answers have usually been prompt and of an encouraging nature, more than repaying me for the time spent.

We are sorry to note the disbanding of Rev. Jatho's church at Oakland, and with it the Missionary Society. It is to be hoped the sisters will reorganize. In all our other churches there are live, active societies.

The President of one of our auxiliaries writes, "If we could get into closer contact with our workers, by receiving a personal letter once in a while from either the home or foreign field, perhaps it would create new interest." She also adds, "In the East they have the returned missionaries speaking in their meetings and conventions. To be sure, we have the *Journal*, *Observer*, and other Church papers, but these are not the same as a visit or a personal letter to a society."

As we are so far from the East that we cannot hope to receive visits from our returned missionaries, I would suggest that hereafter the President of the Synodical Society, assisted by the Vice-Presidents, visit as many of the auxiliaries each year as possible. And it would be well to hold meetings that would correspond to conferences in the Synods. Two meetings of this kind in the central part of the State and one in the southern, held during the fall months, would do much to increase our interest.

Another President writes, "I intend to push the special objects, for I think the auxiliaries should stand by the general society." Her society has made a splendid record for the year, which shows the value of earnest determination in spiritual as well as temporal matters. The Lord helps those who help themselves. If we will only put ourselves in the attitude of the man who said, "Here am I, Lord, what wilt thou have me do? Here am I, send me!" much greater would be our progress. God never sends us on useless errands. There are no useless wheels in God's machinery.

Several of the "needs" mentioned in the "Greeting" from the general society have been given as subjects for individual papers at this convention, for the purpose of bringing out valuable thoughts and new methods of work. I hope you will all use your note-books freely that the good seed sown at this convention may, by you, be carried back to the home societies, where it will spring up and bear much fruit.

In accordance with action taken at the last convention, the excellent papers read at the same were type-written and circulated among all the auxiliaries. The plan is good and should be followed up.

A question box has been provided into which we hope will be dropped any knotty problems that, experience has taught us, exist in all society work. "Ask and ye shall receive." Recently there has been a French cruiser in San Diego Bay, with searchlights so powerful that they would illuminate an object miles away. We are often perplexed about what to do and how to do it. But God can enlighten us if we will only listen to His words and allow the searchlight of His love to illumine our hearts.

I would advise that the Historian's Report be printed in the minutes of the convention, as a valuable reference for the coming year's work.

Our Literature Committee has been at a loss to furnish German tracts, some of our German societies much preferring the same. This want should be met.

Those present who attended the last convention will recall the delightful afternoon spent at the Terrace, the home of our sister, Mrs. Dr. Wedekind.

With sadness we record her departure, but her sweet, patient face and lovable, Christian character in memory abide with us still.

The earnest appeal for temporal aid which comes from hungry India is, as it should be, meeting with a prompt and sympathetic response. We send missionaries to that land to minister to the spiritual needs of its people, but who does not remember that a hungry man is a poor subject to work upon? (And I think this applies to the women as well.) When we recall the fact that two or three cents per day will purchase sufficient food to keep one person alive, we should each be able to see and grasp our opportunity, for can we doubt that it is God-given? And may not this famine be His plan for reaching the hearts of our heathen brothers and sisters? Let us do quickly what we can, and to the doing add earnest prayer for the speedy relief of suffering India, and for the pouring out of showers of spiritual blessings on that thirsty land.

During the year a number of new missionaries went to both India and Africa, and the hands of the workers were greatly strengthened. Unfortunately two of those to Africa were soon stricken with fever and died in a few days.

> "How strange she should sleep so profoundly,
> So young, so unworn by the strife,
> While beside her, brimful of its nectar,
> Untouched, stood the goblet of life."

Loving Christ and His cause above everything else, they said, "Thy will be done, not ours; we will go." Will anyone say that the sacrifice was too great, or that the lives of our beloved sisters, Mrs. J. D. Simon and Mrs. W. M. Beck, were spent in vain?

> "They have solved it—life's wonderful problem,
> The deepest, the strongest, the last;
> And into the school of the angels,
> With the answer, forever have passed."

Is it not ours to take up the unfinished work with the same earnest devotion, just where they laid it down?

In closing, I wish to assure you of my appreciation of the loyal support and Christian charity extended to myself and the other officers of the Synodical Society during the past year. We undertook the work with fear and trembling, and in our own strength should have failed. To a dear, loving Father we give all the praise for whatever success has been achieved. "Hitherto the Lord has helped us." Let us go forward in His strength.

Then followed the reports of Synodical officers.

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss K. Stuber, of Sacramento, read her report, after which the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Walling was presented as follows:

Report of W. H. & F. M. Society of California Synod, Year Ending April 25, 1900.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30, 1899.		Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1899.	Quarter Ending Dec. 30, 1899.		Quarter Ending March 30, 1900.						Totals.
	General Fund.	Thanksgiving Memorial 20th Century Fund.	General Fund.	General Fund.	Thank Offering.	General Fund.	Bed in India Hospital.	Scranton Mission.	Synodical Fee.	Synodical Fund.	Famine Fund.	
Balance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$27 35	.....	$27 35
Los Angeles	$8 10	$2 00	$5 00	$3 00	$5 90	$5 75	$5 00	$5 50	$1 25	2 50	$4 30	48 30
San Francisco, English	8 30	2 00	5 30	5 10	.....	15 40	.....	.....	75	4 50	.....	41 35
San Francisco, German	15 80	.....	15 80	15 00	.....	15 50	5 50	.....	2 65	.....	.....	70 25
Sacramento, German	15 60	10 00	15 30	17 80	10 00	15 30	5 00	6 00	2 55	3 00	.....	100 55
Sacramento, English	3 55	7 80	1 85	2 75	4 40	3 80	5 00	4 00	1 20	5 00	.....	39 35
San José	2 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	5 00	5 50	1 50	.....	.....	20 00
Alameda	4 20	.....	4 80	4 80	.....	4 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 60
San Diego	2 15	6 15	2 15	2 47	.....	2 10	5 50	5 00	75	3 00	.....	29 27
Oakland	.....	.....	2 25	.....	1 50	3 20	.....	5 50	50	.....	.....	12 95
Riverside	3 20	6 50	2 00	2 30	2 50	5 00	.....	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	25 50
Amount Received	$62 90	$34 45	$56 45	$55 22	$24 30	$72 85	$31 00	$34 50	$12 15	$45 35	$4 30	$433 47
Amount Remitted	62 90	34 45	56 45	55 22	24 30	72 85	26 00	29 00	.....	.....	.....	361 17
Amount in Treasury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	$5 50	$12 15	$45 35	$4 30	$72 30

Expenses.

Printing Programmes	$1 75
Stationery Supplies (Historian)	1 05
Corresponding Secretary	1 25
President's Traveling Expenses	25 00
Literature Committee Appropriation	1 00
Total	$30 05

Amount in Treasury	$72 30
Synodical Fee, Los Angeles	1 25
Synodical Fee, San Francisco	80
Collection during Synod	1 70
Total	$76 05
Less Expenses	30 05
Cash on hand	$46 00
Amount belonging to General Fund	14 80

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Historian, gave the Synodical history since organization.

Our Synodical History.

Upon April 28th, 1892, the delegates from five of our mission churches in California assembled in this church for the purpose of organizing a Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The five missions were: Sacramento, English Lutheran; Oakland, First Lutheran; San José, Grace Lutheran; San Francisco, First Lutheran; and Los Angeles, First English Lutheran.

Mrs. A. V. Hamma, Treasurer of the Executive Board of the General Society, was with us, and aided us in our organization by her counsel and experience. It was a small beginning. Financially we were weak, numerically few. In faith and hope we were strong. We knew the great need of Protestant churches in our great young State, and, trusting in God, we looked forward to a future of better things to come.

Our convention now, eight years later, numbers ten auxiliaries—San Diego, Sacramento German Lutheran, San Francisco German Lutheran (Rev. Gehrcke's), Alameda (Rev. William Brandes), and Riverside English Lutheran. An increase of five societies in these last years. Our financial strength has not increased as much as we desired, although we have raised considerable money for missionary purposes. Three long vacancies in our churches of pastoral effort proved very detrimental to our societies, and one suspended all effort to exist, but after a pastor came it revived, and we hope will never again collapse. We hope that we are on the eve of a more enlarged work in our church.

We have the greatest field in the United States in which to spread the plain, simple truths of our dear Lutheran Church, with the thousands daily coming to us and making homes for themselves in our lovely climate and grand State; we have the material right at our hands to missionate amongst, and no mighty ocean to cross or new foreign language to learn.

Sisters of this convention, let us turn our eyes to the cross of Christ, taking His life as our model; let our motto for this year be "Forward to greater work for Jesus."

Reports from Societies.

SAN DIEGO AUXILIARY.

The State of this Society is very encouraging. It is growing in numbers and interest, and the outlook for the future very promising. Number of members, 21; Journals taken, 14; Mission Studies, 2; several church papers taken; amount raised for the year for missionary purposes, $39.98.

MRS. J. E. BOYCE, *Secretary.*

RIVERSIDE, TRINITY LUTHERAN.

The state of this society is better than it was a year ago. The membership is larger and more interest is felt in the work, more money raised, and more

Journals taken than previously. Number of members, 23; Journals taken, 11; Mission Studies, 2; church papers, 3; amount raised for missionary purposes, $25.75.

MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN, *Secretary.*

SACRAMENTO, GERMAN LUTHERAN.

The general state of this society is very good. Number of members, 54 active; 10 honorary; total, 64; Journals taken, 29; church papers, 20; amount of funds raised for all purposes, $177.81.

MRS. G. GRUNEWALD, *Secretary.*

SACRAMENTO, FIRST ENGLISH.

The state of this society is full of interest, and profitable meetings are held with a fair average attendance. Number of members, 24; Journals, 6; Mission Studies, 4; amount raised for missionary purposes, $35.

MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON, *Secretary.*

SAN JOSÉ, GRACE LUTHERAN.

General state of society good. The members are few, but faithful. Number of members, 18; number of Journals, 12; Mission Studies, 3; church papers, 4; amount raised for missionary purposes, $20.25.

MRS. A. D. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

LOS ANGELES, FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN.

The state of this society is excellent; members take turns in opening the devotional part of the meetings. They also have a circulating library for distributing missionary intelligence among the church members. Their outlook is promising for the future. Number of members, 25; Journals taken, 12; Mission Studies, 1; amount of funds raised, $104. This includes a box sent to Miss Bingham, for the Indians at Christmas, valued at $10.

MISS R. HICKETHIER, *Secretary.*

OAKLAND, FIRST LUTHERAN.

The society is growing slowly, the members take an interest in the work, and the future looks encouraging. Number of members, 17; Journals taken, 8; Mission Studies, 1; several church papers are taken, the number not known; amount of funds raised for missionary purposes during the year, $12.50.

MRS. WILLIAM KELLY, *President.*

ST. MATTHEW'S, GERMAN.

The general state of the society is prosperous. The President and officers and members are fully devoted to the work. Number of members, 54; numbers of Journals, none; church papers, 3; amount of funds raised for missionary purposes during the year, $70.95.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST LUTHERAN.

General state of the society good, and hopeful of the future. Number of members, 27; Journals, 6; Mission Studies, 1; several church papers are taken by the different members; amount of funds raised for all purposes, $53.10.

MISS M. R. LOVE, *Secretary.*

ALAMEDA, GERMAN LUTHERAN.

This society grows slowly, but surely. Number of members, 32 active; 1 honorary; number of Journals or Mission Studies not known. Funds raised for missionary purposes, $19.45.

MRS. WILLIAM BRANDES, *President.*

Total amount raised by societies, $497.07.

The Synodical Society has been served during the eight years of its existence by the following Presidents:

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Oakland Church, two years.

Mrs. Maggart, First English Lutheran Church, San Diego, one year.

Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, First English Lutheran Church, Sacramento, two years.

Mrs. J. Everding, First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, two years.

Mrs. R. H. Young, First English Lutheran Church, San Diego, one year.

The reports of the auxiliary delegates showed the work as progressing most favorably.

Miss L. Sachs, of the Christian Endeavor Society, of the German Lutheran Church, of Sacramento, gave an encouraging report of the mission work of that Society, after which the Secretary read the Report of the Literature Committee, prepared by Mrs. J. A. Cobb, of Los Angeles, and chairman of that committee.

All these reports were accepted and referred to appropriate committees.

Mrs. J. Everding, delegate to the General Convention, held in Baltimore, then gave a full and excellent report of the proceedings which took place there, and it was listened to with much interest by all present.

Greetings from Riverside were received with best wishes for a pleasant and profitable convention. The President presented the greetings from San Diego, requesting delegates to convey the convention's greetings, upon their return, to respective societies.

The President here called attention to the Literature table, in charge of Miss Sachs.

On motion, duly passed, the President appointed a committee to revise the By-laws.

After the reading of a communication from Mrs. E. S. Prince, of the Executive Committee, by the President, Mrs. Young, of San Diego, the session adjourned with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9.30 A. M.

The session opened with devotional services, conducted by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, of San Francisco.

After the calling of the roll, minutes of the preceding session were read and, on motion, approved.

The Synod was here invited to visit our convention for a short while. We listened with both interest and pleasure to the brief addresses of the ministers.

Dr. Barnitz brought greetings from the Executive Committee.

On motion, the members of the Church who were present were received as advisory members.

A most interesting paper on "How Shall We Come in Closer Contact with Each Other?" was then read by Mrs. Grunewald, of Sacramento.

This was followed with an excellent one prepared by Mrs. J. E. Hoick, of San Diego, entitled "More Liberal Giving of Time, Means, and Self," and read by Mrs. G. G. Burnett.

A resolution was passed requesting the Corresponding Secretary to send Mrs. Hoick greetings and thanks.

Miss Steele, of Los Angeles, read a paper, "How Can a Greater Desire for Knowledge and Information on the Subject of

Missions be Aroused?'' written by Mrs. J. A. Cobb, of Los Angeles, Chairman of the Literature Committee. This paper urged the necessity of using more literature in our societies.

Remarks were made by the various delegates regarding the purchasing of the photographs of the home and foreign missionaries. It was decided that this matter be left in the hands of the committee.

Next on the programme was the discussion, "Greater Loyalty to Our Own Society,'' opened by Mrs. J. Everding, of San Francisco, and participated in by different delegates. The majority of them expressed their views upon this subject, which were listened to with much interest.

The question box, in charge of Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, occupied the next fifteen minutes, after which the session adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. J. C. Walling, of Oakland.

After the calling of the roll of delegates, minutes of the preceding session were read and, on motion, approved.

The offering, amounting to $5.55, was handed to Treasurer for Synodical Fund.

A most interesting and well-prepared paper, entitled "The Interest of All the Women of the Church and the Securing of Them as Members of the Society,'' was then read by Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, of Sacramento. Many helpful suggestions were given upon this subject.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman here addressed the convention in connection with the work of Riverside, requesting a resolution be sent to the Executive Committee concerning the proposed new building at Riverside.

The President appointed Mrs. J. Everding and Mrs. S. E.

Bittle-Myers the committee to draft a resolution to be sent the General Society.

Resolved, That we most earnestly ask the Board of Home Missions through their Executive Committee to donate the sum of two thousand dollars to the Riverside Mission, under the care of Rev. G. H. Hillerman, as we are convinced of the urgency and desirability of the need of this sum to assist in the erection of a church for that point.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. EVERDING,
MRS. S. E. BITTLE-MYERS.

We then listened to a paper by Mrs. William Kelly, of Oakland, entitled "What Influence have Christians at Home on the Work Abroad?"

Next in order being the reports of various committees, the Auditing Committee presented the following:

Report of Auditing Committee.

We have examined the Treasurer's Report, and found it correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. EVERDING,
MISS J. STEELE.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

We have carefully examined the President's Address and recognize in it the earnest spirit of devotion that has characterized all her work during the past year.

We commend the close contact maintained between herself and the auxiliaries by frequent correspondence, as worthy the imitation of future Presidents.

We note with pleasure the introduction of the circulating library in some of our societies, and the fact that one Christian Endeavor society has become auxiliary to the Synodical Society. An increased interest is manifested in the larger membership and amount of money raised; also in number of Missionary Journals taken.

We commend the President's indorsement of tithing—the Scriptural plan of giving. We urge the importance of the Synodical President visiting the auxiliaries when possible. We also favor conference meetings during the year in the central and southern portions of the State under the supervision of the President or Vice-President.

We note the loyalty to our General Society in the prominence given on our programme to the "Needs" presented by that body.

We advise the continuance of the custom of circulating convention papers among the auxiliaries.

The printing of the Historian's Report meets with our approval.

We commend the appeal for starving India as worthy the attention of auxiliaries.

We recognize the great loss our work on the Pacific Coast has sustained in the death of Mrs. Wedekind, of the San Diego Church; also the great sorrow of the Church at large in the death of Mrs. J. D. Simon and Mrs. W. M. Beck. May a double portion of the spirit of these devoted Christian women fall upon us.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
MISS K. STUBER.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee, to whom were referred the papers and letters of the convention, would report having examined the following papers:

"How Shall We Come in Closer Contact with Each Other?" which was most interesting and full of good thoughts.

A most earnest and well-prepared paper by Mrs. J. E. Hoick, of San Diego, most kindly read by Mrs. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco, the subject being "More Liberal Giving of Time, Means, and Self."

"How Can a Greater Desire for Knowledge and Information on the Subject of Missions be Aroused?" by Mrs. J. A. Cobb, of Los Angeles, kindly read by Miss Steele, and which was very much appreciated.

"The Interest of All the Women of the Church and the Securing of Them as Members of the Society," by Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, of Sacramento, which contained some very helpful ideas and full of good suggestions.

"What Influence Have Christians at Home on the Work Abroad?" by Mrs. William Kelly, of Oakland, which, like the rest, was well prepared and appreciated by all.

Letters were also handed us from Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, of Riverside; Mrs. E. S. Prince, of Springfield, Ohio, both sending greetings and Godspeed from their respective societies, and urging us all to still greater faithfulness to this great work in the future.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. A. E. FOX,
MISS L. SACHS.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we gratefully acknowledge the loving, watchful care of our blessed Lord Jesus over us during the past year, in preserving our lives, and bringing us together again in convention. That the thanks of this convention to our Synodical officers be expressed by a rising vote.

2. *Resolved*, That a cordial letter of friendship be written to Mrs. Prince, of the Executive Board, by our Corresponding Secretary, expressing our regret that she was unable to visit us at this time, and a hope that next year may find her amongst us.

3. *Resolved*, That a letter of sympathy and condolence be sent to the family

of Mr. Cantrell upon the untimely and deeply to be regretted death of his beloved daughter, Miss Kate L. Cantrell, and that we express our sorrow at the loss of our friend and delegate by a rising vote.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention be returned to our Synodical delegate, Mrs. J. Everding, for the efficient service she rendered to our California field by her active work in the Biennial Convention in our behalf during her visit there, thereby securing to us a continued interest in our mission work here, and that this convention adopt and act upon the resolutions as embodied in her report and ordered by that body.

5. *Resolved*, That the delegates be instructed to report to their societies upon their return home the resolutions and the financial work laid out for the year, and urge the members to renewed activity in commencing the financial department early in the year and not delaying it until near its close.

6. *Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father as manifested in the early death of our sisters, Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Beck, in the African Mission field, and that this mysterious providence may be sanctified to their families by Him who is too wise to err and knoweth what is best, and that we sympathize with our brothers there in their great loss.

7. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention be returned to this church for their hospitality to us during our sessions and for their cordial greeting; also to the press of the city for their notices of our work.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. S. E. BITTLE-MYERS,
Mrs. G. GRUNEWALD.

Report of Committee on Literature Committee.

We find the Report of the Literature Committee correct, and the interest of the auxiliary societies fairly good.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. H. MAUCH,
Miss M. FOLCKE.

Report of Committee in Regard to Oakland Paper—"Visitor."

The committee resolved to write to the different auxiliaries enclosing a copy of the *Visitor*, and request them to subscribe for it.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. S. E. BITTLE-MYERS,
Mrs. J. C. WALLING,
Mrs. G. GRUNEWALD.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the President's Address, Treasurer's Report, and the Revised By-laws be printed in the Minutes.

The following bills were presented, and, on motion, ordered paid:

To Mrs. R. H. Young for Traveling Expenses	$35 00
To Mrs. J. C. Walling, Treasurer	4 50
To Miss K. Stuber, Corresponding Secretary	2 50
To Mrs. Young, for Printing Programmes	2 50
To Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Historian, incidental expenses	1 25

Mrs. J. Everding's bill, amounting to $1.03, was most kindly and generously donated by her, which was received by a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Cobb, Chairman of Literature Committee, gladly donated her bill, to the amount of $2.50.

The invitation to meet in Los Angeles next year was accepted.

The election of officers was then entered into. (See page 44.)

Mrs. R. H. Young was duly elected delegate to the General Convention, with Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers as alternate.

The President then escorted Mrs. Kelly to the Chair, with a few brief remarks.

The session adjourned, with prayer by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The Anniversary Service was presided over by Mrs. William Kelly, of Oakland.

Anthem, by the choir.

Hymn 335, "Hasten, Lord, the glorious time."

Scripture reading, Philippians iv. 1-7.

Anthem, by the choir.

Prayer, by Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

Hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains."

Address, "Our Work in California; Its Needs and Possibilities." Rev. W. E. Fry, of San José.

Hymn 347, "When morning's light is breaking."

Paper, "Our Vast Opportunities in Home and Foreign Fields," by Miss M. Folcke, of San Francisco.

Anthem, by the choir.

Address, "America's Greatest Need," by Dr. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Offertory.

Benediction, Rev. William Kelly, of Oakland.

MISS MINNIE R. LOVE,
Recording Secretary.

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Number.	Place of Meeting.	Date.	Officers. President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding.
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. H. M. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding.
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1901-1902.

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SECRETARY.

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TREASURER.

P. S. LEISENRING, M. D., Stoll Building, Sacramento, Cal.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1901-1902.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. WILLIAM KELLY, Rev. C. F. OEHLER, Rev. WILLIAM E. FRY.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. WILLIAM KELLY, Rev. F. C. VIERKE, H. A. GETZ.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Rev. E. NELANDER, Ph. D., Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN, G. G. BURNETT.

EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

Rev. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D., Rev. E. NELANDER, Ph. D., Rev. C. F. OEHLER.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. J. E. HOICK, Rev. H. J. WEAVER, Prof. F. P. DAVIDSON.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

J. W. FRICKE, A. E. FOX, FREDERICK MECKFESSEL.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Rev. H. GEHRCKE, Rev. E. NELANDER, Ph. D., J. C. WALLING.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place.—Alameda, Cal.
Date.—April 9, 1902.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

Wednesday Evening.

SYNODICAL SERMON (BY THE PRESIDENT).

HOLY COMMUNION.

Thursday Evening.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
REV. C. F. OEHLER.	REV. J. S. MOSER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D.	REV. WILLIAM E. FRY.

Friday Afternoon.

DOCTRINAL—ART. IV. AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

REV. H. GEHRCKE.	REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D.

PRACTICAL—CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

REV. G. H. HILLERMAN.	REV. F. C. VIERKE.

Friday Evening.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. H. J. WEAVER.	REV. A. JATHO.

ORPHANS' HOME.

REV. J. E. HOICK.	REV. WILLIAM BRANDES.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

HELD IN

LOS ANGELES, CAL., APRIL 17-19, 1901.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1901, 8 P. M.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of California Synod assembled in the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, Cal., Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, pastor.

The liturgical service was conducted by Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., H. J. Weaver, W. E. Fry, and G. H. Hillerman.

The Synodical sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. E. Hoick, from Matt. ix. 29, upon the theme, "Our Getting Dependent on Our Capacity." Synodical communion followed.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1901, 9 A. M.

Synod was regularly opened by the President with the forms prescribed in the Ministerial Acts of the General Synod.

After reception of new members and lay delegates, the following composed the

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Residence.	Lay.
1836	S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D. *a. e.*	San Diego.	
1856	E. Unangst, D. D., *a. e.*	Hollidaysburg, Pa.	
1876	William Kelly	Oakland	H. W. DuMars, *a. e.*
1877	J. S. Moser, *a. e.*	Los Gatos.	
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D.	Sacramento	Frank Meckfessel.
1881	J. Schmierer	Monrovia.	
1885	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	Arroyo Grande.	
1887	A. Jatho, *a. e.*	Oakland.	
1888	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	Fred. Meckfessel, *a. e.*
1889	William Brandes	Alameda	Theodor Victors, *a. e.*
1889	E. Nelander, Ph. D.	San Francisco	J. W. Fricke.
1890	William E. Fry	San José	James L. Swink, *a. e.*
1891	V. G. A. Tressler, *a. e.*	Leipzig, Ger.	
1892	H Gehrcke, *a. e.*	San Francisco	Albert Kuner, *a. e.*
1894	H J. Weaver *	Los Angeles	Benjamin Kohlmeirer.
1894	J. E. Hoick	San Diego	H. Seebold.
1896	F. C. Vierke †	Redlands	
1896	G. H. Hillerman	Riverside	C. W. Castleman, *a. e.*

a. e. Absent and excused.

* Received from Miami Synod. † Received from Oregon Synod, G. C.

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren: In the kind providence of God, we are assembled in our Eleventh Annual Convention. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I herewith submit a record of my official acts, together with such other items of interest and importance as should claim the attention of Synod.

RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

August 10th, 1900, Rev. J. W. Ball wrote me that he had accepted a call to the Children's Memorial Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo. He requested a letter of dismission to the Kansas Synod, which was granted.

October 4th, 1900, Rev. W. E. Fry resigned Grace Lutheran Church, San José, the resignation to take effect January 1st, 1901. Since the latter date he has been a supply at the request of the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Board, until his successor is on the field, who is expected soon after Easter. We trust that Brother Fry will remain with us and continue to advance the interests of our Synod.

ADMISSIONS.

September 18th, 1900, Rev. H. J. Weaver informed me of his acceptance of the call tendered him by the First Lutheran Church of Los Angeles.

December 2d, 1900, a letter of honorable dismission granted to Brother Weaver was received from the Synod of Miami. He was accordingly received as a member of this Synod and on the same date publicly installed, the Secretary of Synod delivering the charge to the congregation, and your President delivering the charge to the pastor.

March 9th, 1901, Rev. F. C. Vierke wrote me that the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions had appointed him to the Redlands field. He enclosed an excellent testimonial from the President of the Oregon Synod, connected with the General Council, expressing the desire to become a member of the California Synod. As the credential was not in the form of a "Letter of Dismission," your President determined, after consultation with others, to defer action to the consideration of Synod, especially as it was to convene within a few weeks. Brother Vierke is present, and his application and papers are referred to the Examining Committee.

NEW CHURCHES, CONGREGATIONS.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, is to be congratulated on its progress during the past year. Under the faithful and persevering efforts of its pastor, Rev. G. H. Hillerman, a well-located church lot has been purchased for $980.00. Plans have been made for a neat church edifice with connecting Sunday school room. Already $1800.00 have been secured from members and friends and $2000.00 as a donation from Woman's Missionary Society. Ground will soon be broken and the corner-stone laid. It is confidently expected that, with a commodious and well-located edifice, the work of Trinity will go on with rapidity and prosperity.

Redlands and San Bernardino. Work in these two prosperous places will soon be started under the care of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. In November, 1899, a canvass of the field was made by Rev. C. F. Oehler. The outlook was so favorable that it was recommended that a German Mission be started. The recommendation was received with favor, but the start was delayed because of the inability to secure a pastor proficient in both German and English. An available workman has now been secured, and within a short time a new star will be added to the galaxy of our Synodical roll.

The First Lutheran Church of San Diego has reduced its indebtedness by $1000.00, leaving it now $1500.00.

The First Lutheran Church, Oakland, has paid $500.00 on its debt. Within a year or two it will be entirely free.

The First Lutheran Church, San José, has reduced its indebtedness $350.00, to $1150.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. *Church Exemption.* It is a cause of congratulation that the amendment to the State Constitution, relating to the exemption of churches from taxation, was carried by a large majority. In response to inquiries sent to the different pastors, it has been learned that a saving will be effected to the churches of our Synod amounting in the aggregate to $598.55. This saving will doubtless be made apparent not by less giving, but by enlarged contributions for benevolence, greater self-support of our missions, or relieved financial strain for some of our churches.

2. *The Western Lutheran*, which a year ago was a possibility, is now a reality. The requisite number of subscribers having been assured, its appearance promptly followed. This periodical, neat in appearance, newsy, and well managed, is filling a felt want among our coast churches. Separated, as are the workmen upon the wall, this messenger is the medium of encouragement and help. A periodical deserving of hearty support is the *Western Lutheran.*

3. *Dr. Sprecher's Anniversary.* On December 28th, 1900, this venerable father in Israel celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of his birth. Upon this occasion he was the recipient of numerous congratulations, among them being a "Tribute of Love" from former students. This volume, beautifully bound in morocco, is filled with words of loving appreciation and gratitude. For his continued good health and unabated mental vigor, we, as a Synod, join in thanksgiving to God, "who is crowning his life with loving kindness and tender mercies."

4. *Visit of Africa Missionaries.* The cause of foreign missions has been given a decided impetus by the visitations of our churches by two honored servants of the Lord, Dr. and Mrs. Pohlmann. It is the opinion of the Synod that more frequent visits to the Pacific coast by missionaries and secretaries would be efforts well spent.

RECOMMENDATION.

As there are about $150.00 in the Beneficiary Education Fund, for which no apparent need exists, your President recommends that some action be taken in properly appropriating part or all of that sum for some good use.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, may I not urge you to take courage from the progress of the past decade? At its beginning there were but two hundred and eighty-five members and two church edifices. Now our Synod has one thousand three hundred and twenty-five members and eight beautiful edifices. The work has never been stronger, nor the outlook more encouraging. May the great Head of the Church lead us in the deliberations of the Eleventh Annual Convention, as well as in future days of activity.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK.

The report was referred to the proper committee.

Owing to the absence of the Treasurer, the Treasurer's Report was read by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and, after reception, was referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix B.)

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod of Last Year was then read, and, after consideration, *seriatim*, was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

1. On the second page of the cover we find that, under "Corporate Names and Titles," the German Theological Seminary of Chicago is still mentioned. This institution was removed to Atchison, Kan., in September, 1898. This error ought to be corrected by the printer.

2. On page 10 of minutes the following resolution was adopted in regard to the *Western Lutheran:* That the pastors and the delegates of the California Synod heartily approve of the intention of Rev. William Kelly to publish an English Lutheran Church paper, and that we use our best endeavors to help the enterprise. Has this been done?

3. On page 18 it was resolved to send fraternal greetings of California Synod to Brother Tressler in Leipzig. Has this been done?

4. On page 24 Rev. E. Nelander was appointed visitor to California Conference of the Augustana Synod. Has he attended that Synod?

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. OEHLER,
W. BRANDES.

The questions were answered, *seriatim*, as follows:

1. Referred to the printer.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Had satisfactory interview with the President of California Conference.

On motion of Rev. William Brandes, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of the General Synod publishing an Official Church Paper; and that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of abandoning the Muhlenberg Mission.

Report on the State of the Church.

To prepare a satisfactory report on the State of the Church, the writer should have a knowledge of the spiritual condition of the work in each separate charge; this, in the nature of the case, he cannot have; and, therefore, must draw up his report from a numerical study of the table of accessions, the

condition of the schools and various societies, the bevevolence, statistics, and such other data as may come to his hand. The reports submitted by the pastors of this Synod exhibit nothing startling, no special seasons of religious excitement, with large accessions, but a slow, steady, and healthy growth in membership, benevolence, and spirituality that is stimulating and encouraging. We could hope for results far greater than we have been able to achieve, but, in spite of drawbacks and discouragements, it is manifest that God has owned and blessed the labors of His servants, that the work is growing, the cause advancing, and a season of greater development gradually hastening on. The sunrise of triumph already purples the mountains, and soon we may look for the dawn of day.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM KELLY,
A. JATHO,
A. E. FOX.

Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Parochial Reports was then read and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education, after consideration, *seriatim*, and amendment, was adopted as follows:

Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education recommend:

1. That, if Mr. Ralph O. Reiner accepts the proposition to attend a Lutheran institution of the General Synod, the item of Beneficiary Education be restored to the apportionment table, and the sum of $200.00 a year be apportioned to his support.

2. That the beneficiary funds now in the hands of the Treasurer be, at the direction of the committee, used for the support of Mr. Ralph O. Reiner for the ensuing year, provided that he attend some Lutheran educational institution of the General Synod.

3. That each pastor in the Synod shall at some appropriate time during the year speak to the young people of his congregation on the Call to the Ministry, to the end that we may as soon as possible have a ministry not only *for* the Lutheran people of California, but also *of* that people.

Respectfully submitted, E. NELANDER,
W. E. FRY.

The President then announced the Special Commitees as follows:

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., and C. F. Oehler.

2. *Letters and Papers*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and William Brandes.

3. *Apportionment*—Messrs. J. W. Fricke and C. W. Castleman.

4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Rev. H. J. Weaver and Mr. H. Seebold.

5. *Auditing*—Revs. W. E. Fry and J. Schmierer.

6. *Resolutions and Temperance*—Rev. William Kelly and Mr. Frank Meckfessel.

7. *Religious Services*—Revs. H. J. Weaver and G. H. Hillerman.

8. *Excess and Deficit*—Mr. Benjamin Kohlmeier and Rev. J. Schmierer.

9. *Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and W. E. Fry.

10. *Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. G. H. Hillerman and Mr. H. Seebold.

11. *Muhlenberg Mission*—Revs. C. F. Oehler and W. E. Fry.

12. *Church Paper*—Revs. William Kelly and W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

13. *Examining*—Rev. C. F. Oehler added to Examining Committee.

On resolution, the hours of the business sessions of Synod were fixed as follows: 9 A. M. to 12 M.; and 1.30 P. M. to 5.00 P. M.

On motion, it was resolved that the Synod should adjourn Friday at 11 A. M., for the purpose of visiting the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention of California Synod.

The President announced that the afternoon of Thursday would be devoted to committee work, and that Synod would adjourn until Friday at 9.00 A. M.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. E. Fry.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 8 P. M.

The liturgical services were conducted by Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and C. F. Oehler, and an address on Home Missions and Church Extension was delivered by Rev. William Kelly, and on Sunday Schools by Rev. William E. Fry.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 9 A. M.

After devotional exercises the roll of Synod was called, and the minutes of the preceding session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry.

Your committee appointed to examine the matter of Rev. F. C. Vierke's reception as a member of the California Synod beg to report that, after due examination, we recommend that Brother Vierke's name be placed on the Synodical roll.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
C. F. OEHLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

The following is our report:

We find the work in these two lines holding its own—not much more anywhere. We hope that another year will see marked progress. A great opportunity lies before our schools and societies. Of the *hundred and thirteen thousand* children outside Sunday school influence in California, very many must be looked after by our schools and brought to know the Bible and the Christ of our Bible.

New schools must be formed and manned with workers. Forward, aggressive work must be done, and we must show ourselves behind none in bringing in the masses.

And so must we co-operate with other Christian workers, and be quick to adopt any plans they may have that prove more effective than our own. Nothing short of the front line in Sunday school work must be our motto.

We again recommend:

1. Graded lessons for the Primary and Intermediate Departments.
2. Home Departments, Normal Classes, Cradle Roll, the Royal Army.
3. Catechetical instruction and temperance training, Lutheran teaching by capable teachers.
4. Lutheran libraries for our schools and societies.
5. Lutheran literature widely disseminated.
6. Missionary work of some kind for our societies, and systematic help by them to our churches.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
WILLIAM E. FRY.

Reported adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was read, and referred back for recommendation, and on second reading, after consideration, *seriatim*, was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

There has been placed in the hands of your committee a letter from Dr. S. B. Barnitz; also one from Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer in behalf the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; and another from Rev. L. C. Routzahn, with a remittance.

We recommend:

1. That these be read to the Synod.
2. That the remittance of Brother Routzahn be turned over to the Treasurer of the Synod, to be placed to the credit of the Twentieth Century Fund of Home Missions.
3. That these letters be replied to by our Secretary, expressing the appreciation and good-will of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
W. BRANDES.

1. Papers were read.
2. Adopted.
3. Adopted.

Reporters for Church Papers.

The President appointed the following reporters:

Zion's Bote—Rev. C. F. Oehler.
Observer—Rev. W. E. Fry.
World—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.
Evangelist—Rev. H. J. Weaver.
Western Lutheran—Rev. William Kelly.

The committee appointed to report on the advisability of establishing an official organ for the General Synod offered a resolution unqualifiedly against such a proposition, which, after discussion, was withdrawn, and the following substitute by Rev. William E. Fry was accepted in its place:

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of the California Synod that the establishment of an official church paper by our General Synod is not advisable at this time.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
WILLIAM KELLY.

Resolution adopted.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Your Committee on Treasurer's Report have examined the Treasurer's book and receipts, and find everything all right.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. FRY,
J. SCHMIERER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Advising Delegates to General Synod in Behalf of Our Foreign Mission Work in Muhlenberg Mission, Africa.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the members of the California Synod, whilst deeply interested in our Foreign Mission work, also deeply deplore the loss of so many precious lives in our Muhlenberg Mission; and

Resolved, That we advise our delegates to the General Synod to voice the sentiment of the California Synod as follows: To urge that proper measures be taken at once to improve the sanitary condition of Muhlenberg Mission; or, if that be impossible, to remove the mission to a more healthful and favorable location.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
WILLIAM E. FRY.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We rejoice in the fact mentioned in our President's Report that the past year was marked by a steady and healthy progress in most of our congregations, and, realizing that the publication of a Church paper on the coast is bound to become a most important aid to our Church work, we recommend that the pastors of our Synod, even more than during the past year, use their best efforts to place the *Western Lutheran* in every home within our reach.

Respectfully submitted, E. NELANDER,
C. F. OEHLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your committee beg to report in behalf of the following Missions:

1. *San Jose.*—On October 4th, 1900, Rev. William E. Fry, on account of ill health, resigned his pastorate, but afterward concluded to remain on the field until a successor should be chosen. We deplore the difficulties that lately have surrounded this congregation. We ask each member of Grace Church to stand faithfully by the work, hoping that a pastor will soon be appointed to this important field, and that this congregation may yet enjoy a bright and prosperous future. Brother Fry deserves the thanks of the Synod for his interest in the Church and for his hard and self-denying efforts to reduce the church debt.

2. *Sacramento, English.*—The committee take pleasure to report that the first English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., pastor, became self-supporting on April 1st, 1901.

3. *San Diego.*—The work of this church has during the past year advanced prosperously, the church debt having been further reduced by $1000.00, leaving an interest-bearing debt of only $1500.00. With God's continued blessing upon pastor and people still greater progress may be expected in the near future.

4. *Oakland.*—During the past year steady progress has been made in putting the church upon a safe and solid basis, financially as well as spiritually, and pastor and people may look forward toward a brighter and more hopeful future.

5. *Alameda.*—A report from Rev. William Brandes, the pastor, shows that during the past six months the attendance in church and Sunday school has been very encouraging. The report shows a net gain of five members, making a total membership of fifty-seven, and seventy-six teachers and scholars in Sunday school.

6. *St. Matthew's in San Francisco.*—This congregation, under Rev. H. Gehrcke, pastor, is holding its own and shows a steady progress. A handsome fund has been created, and is steadily being increased, with which to erect a church home some time in the near future.

7. *Riverside.*—The general condition of this congregation is now better than ever before. A new and pretty church edifice will soon be added to the number of our handsome California churches. A very desirable lot has been purchased, in a good location, upon which a church is to be erected at the cost of about $4000.00; $2000.00 of this amount will be donated by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and it is hoped that the balance will be raised by subscriptions, so as to leave the congregation free of debt.

8. *Redlands and San Bernardino.*—By letter of February 21st, 1901, Dr. Hartman informed us that the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society had resolved to inaugurate the work upon the

German-English field at Redlands and San Bernardino, and that the Rev. F. C. Vierke, of San José, heretofore a member of the Oregon District, General Council, was commissioned to begin the work as soon as possible. We rejoice and feel grateful to the respective authorities for their unabated interest in our California work. Rev. Vierke, who has now united with the California Synod, is already upon the field, and we hope and pray that another good charge will soon be added to our Synod.

9. *Recommendations.*—I. We recommend to the Executive Committee of our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society that the city of Fresno be canvassed by one of our pastors during the coming year, with the view of establishing a Lutheran Church, if deemed practicable. II. We further recommend that our Board of Church Extension grant to our Mission at Riverside a donation of $500.00 toward the completion of the church building.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
CHARLES F. OEHLER.

Report and recommendations adopted.

The special order for the forenoon arrived during the consideration of the Report of the Home Mission Committee, and after adoption of motion by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., that the greetings of Synod be extended to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention by the President of Synod and Rev. H. J. Weaver, the Synod adjourned to visit the Missionary Convention.

Upon re-assembling, and after adoption of Home Mission Committee's Report, Rev. B. R. Taylor, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was, on motion of Rev. H. J. Weaver, received as an advisory member.

On motion, the time for adjournment was extended fifteen minutes.

Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Systematic beneficence involves two things: 1. A system for the raising of benevolence. 2. A system in paying the same.

The best system for raising the apportionment, for of that we speak particularly, is that which plans for each object at a stated time, which awakens interest in the membership of our churches, and which, at the same time, meets the minimum requests of the Boards.

To aid pastors in this work and to insure better offerings, special days have been set apart by the General Synod for several of the more important objects before the Church. These days, if rightly improved by a sermon from the pastor and statements of need from the Sunday school and church, will

accomplish four things: 1. It will give the people information concerning the work and needs of our Church Boards. 2. It will create interest, for interest comes only when knowledge precedes. 3. It will set before the congregation a definite end to be reached in the giving, both as to object and amount. 4. It will the more surely raise the apportionment.

In two of our California churches a benevolence offering is received once a month. Five churches use the communion seasons, in addition to the efforts made on all or a part of these special days.

Any system of this kind is bound to prove valuable, provided it is worked with energy. But no system, however good, will work itself without the pastor making himself a part of it. The plan followed in some quarters of leaving the raising of the apportionment until the last thing before Synod is the next thing to as bad as not raising the apportionment at all, since, with rare exceptions, it ends in a deficit of greater or less amount.

But systematic beneficence refers not only to *raising* the apportionment, but to *applying* the same to the various objects. Every Board of the General Synod is the most important Board of the Church, for the reason that it has a necessary work to do that will not be done by any other Board. Hence *no* Board should be neglected in apportioning the money raised for benevolence, since the amount asked for in each case is the *lowest* that will make possible the necessary work of that particular Board.

If sufficient has not been raised to meet every object, then what has been received should be given proportionately to every Board and no one object passed over. It is not raising the apportionment in full to have a large excess on two or three items and nothing at all on others, even though the excess is way beyond the amount asked for the ones not met. And, moreover, it is not systematic beneficence in its true sense. That only is systematic which is applied systematically as well as raised systematically.

The Treasurer's Report shows that this year we raised more benevolence by nearly $400.00 than we did last. While this is gratifying, yet there are still several churches which have not raised their apportionment in full. These reports call for more aggressive and systematic work on our part.

The committee would, therefore, urge that every pastor observe the special days, and, in addition, at least the communion seasons, as appropriate times for raising the apportionment, and at these times state the needs and claims of the Board to his people. Make out a plan at the close of Synod and follow it as closely as possible during the year.

Then, too, we would recommend that they treat the Boards as their children, and that they do not clothe one in silks and satins and allow the others to go in rags.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
HENRY SEEBOLD.

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Mr. H. Seebold.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1.30 P. M.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. F. C. Vierke.

By unanimous consent, the reading of minutes was laid over until the close of the session.

The special order of business, at the opening of the last session of Synod, was then taken up, viz., election of officers.

The President appointed as tellers Messrs. J. W. Fricke and Frank Meckfessel.

Election of Officers of Synod.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. William Kelly.

Secretary—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

On motion, the special order of business for the day, at 3 P. M., was made to be the doctrinal discussion on Article III. of the Augsburg Confession and the practical discussion on Church Discipline.

Next Convention of Synod.

On motion, the invitation to hold the next Convention of California Synod in the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Alameda was accepted.

A letter of greeting was received from Rev. J. S. Moser, and read to Synod.

On motion, 400 copies of the minutes of the Synod and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention were ordered printed and distributed *pro rata*, the amount paid into the Synodical treasury.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Satisfactory excuses having been received from the following brethren, your committee recommend that they be excused:

Revs. Samuel Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., E. Unangst, D. D., V. G. A. Tressler, Hermann Gehrcke, L. C. Routzahn, A. Jatho, J. S. Moser, and Messrs. Frederick Meckfessel, Albert Kuner, C. W. Castleman, H. W. DuMars, Theodor Victors, and James L. Swink.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
HENRY SEEBOLD.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1901-1902 was then read and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Report of Committee on Resolutions and Temperance.

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be extended to the pastor and congregation of the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles for their generous and hospitable entertainment, and to the choir for their excellent music.

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of $5.00 be granted to the janitor for services rendered this body.

3. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the action of the State Legislature in submitting the question of church exemption from taxation to the people, and the vote of the people of California in relieving the churches of the State from this burden.

4. *Resolved*, That we deplore the habitual violation of the Lord's day, and earnestly hope that effective steps may soon be taken to make the day of God a holyday instead of holiday.

5. *Resolved*, That the subject of temperance is one of the greatest importance, affecting the welfare of individual, the family, the Church, the State, and the nation, and that we cordially endorse every wise and judicious movement for the suppression of intemperance, and the cultivation of a temperance sentiment among the people of our congregations.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM KELLY,
FRANK MECKFESSEL.

Report adopted.

The pastors then read their Parochial Reports and commented on the state of their churches as therein suggested.

The special order for the afternoon was then taken up, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., reading a carefully prepared paper on Article III. of the Augsburg Confession, and Rev. C. F. Oehler giving a very practical address on Church Discipline.

After discussion by members of the Synod, the routine work of Synod was resumed.

Report of Committee on Religious Services.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., First English Lutheran Church, 11 A. M.; Swedish Lutheran Church, 7.30 P. M.

Rev. J. E. Hoick, First United Presbyterian Church, 11 A. M.; Second United Presbyterian Church, 7.30 P. M.

Revs. C. F. Oehler and F. C. Vierke, Redlands, Cal.

Rev. William Kelly, West Lake Methodist Episcopal Church, 11 A. M.; First English Lutheran Church, 8 P. M.

Rev. George H. Hillerman, Second United Presbyterian Church, 11 A. M.

Address to First English Lutheran Sunday School, Revs. W. E. Fry and E. Nelander, Ph. D., and Messrs. Henry Seebold and J. W. Fricke.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit was read and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On motion, the Secretary of the Synod was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Mr. A. M. Row as Trustee of Loysville Orphans' Home, and Mr. Row was thus elected.

On motion, the bill of Secretary for postage, etc., to the amount of $2.25, was ordered paid.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Secretary $10.00 for services for the past year.

Minutes were then read and approved.

Synod adjourned, with the order prescribed in the Ministerial Acts of General Synod and prayer by the new President, to meet in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Alameda, Cal., April 9th, 1902.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 8 P. M.

Liturgical service conducted by the retiring President, Rev J. E. Hoick.

Addresses were delivered on Christian Education by Rev. G. H. Hillerman, and on Foreign Missions by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct report of the proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Convention of California Synod.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1901-1902.

	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	Totals.
Rate		.04 1-2	.07	.23 7-16	.20 5-6	.20 5-6	.15	.15	.10	.05	.07	.05	$1.33 29.48
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	57	$2 56	$3 99	$13 36	$11 88	$11 88	$8 55	$8 55	$5 70	$2 85	$3 99	$2 85	76 16
Los Angeles, Rev. Weaver	220	9 90	15 40	51 58	45 84	45 84	33 00	33 00	22 00	11 00	15 40	11 00	293 96
Oakland, Rev. Kelly	88	3 96	6 16	20 62	18 33	18 33	13 20	13 20	8 80	4 40	6 16	4 40	117 56
Riverside, Rev. Hillerman	47	2 12	3 29	11 02	9 79	9 79	7 05	7 05	4 70	2 35	3 29	2 35	62 80
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	140	6 30	9 80	32 81	29 17	29 17	21 00	21 00	14 00	7 00	9 80	7 00	187 05
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	224	10 08	15 68	52 50	46 66	46 66	33 60	33 60	22 40	11 20	15 68	11 20	299 26
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	90	4 05	6 30	21 10	18 75	18 75	13 50	13 50	9 00	4 50	6 30	4 50	120 25
San Francisco, Rev. Nelander	237	10 66	16 59	55 53	49 37	49 37	35 55	35 55	23 70	11 85	16 59	11 85	316 61
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	47	2 12	3 29	11 02	9 79	9 79	7 05	7 05	4 70	2 35	3 29	2 35	62 80
San José, Rev. Fry	175	7 87	12 25	41 02	36 46	36 46	26 25	26 25	17 50	8 75	12 25	8 75	233 81
Total	1325	$59 62	$92 75	$310 56	$276 04	$276 04	$198 75	$198 75	$132 50	$66 25	$92 75	$66 25	$1770.26

Respectfully submitted, J. W. FRICKE, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX B.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 25, 1900, to April 12, 1901.*

Congregations.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	External Objects.	Home for the Aged.	Totals.	Excess.	Deficit.
To Balance		$58 75		$5 00								$63 75		
Alameda	$2 35	3 65	$13 00	10 85	$10 85	$7 80	$5 20	$2 60	$3 65		$2 60	62 55	$0 88	
Los Angeles	10 80	16 80	56 25	50 00	40 00	20 00	17 00	12 00	10 00	$2 00	8 00	240 85		$43 80
Oakland	3 29	5 11	20 38	20 00	20 00		7 30	7 75			3 65	87 48	89	
Riverside	2 25	3 45	12 00	10 65	10 66	7 35	4 90	2 75	3 45		2 50	59 96	1 82	
Sacramento (German)	9 95	15 47	56 80	46 29	46 04	47 50	22 10	11 05	15 75	36 00	11 05	282 00	19 88	
Sacramento (English)	6 10	6 45	31 66	16 69	28 22	6 10	5 00		2 00		2 00	104 22		55 87
San Diego	3 92	7 09	21 39	18 13	18 13	13 05	8 70	4 45	6 09	3 35	4 37	105 32	1 12	
San Francisco (English)	10 17	15 82	52 97	47 08	47 08	33 90	22 60	11 30	15 82		11 30	268 04		
San Francisco (German)	1 70	2 60	12 50	8 75	7 75	5 55	3 70	1 85	2 60		1 85	48 85		
San José	7 97	11 37	41 48	10 65	31 26			8 80				111 53		98 41
Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D		10 00										10 00		
Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler		2 00										2 00		
Rev. Brandes (per Rev. Oehler)				2 00								2 00		
Miss Carrie Lothimer										1 00				
Oakland (German)		3 00										3 00		
The Garrett Note, less exchange		149 65										149 65		
Amount received	$58 50	$311 21	$318 43	$246 09	$259 99	$141 25	$96 50	$62 55	$59 36	$42 35	$47 32	$1601 30		
Amount remitted	58 50	267 78	318 43	246 09	259 99	141 25	96 50	62 55	59 36	42 35	47 32	1557 87		
Difference		$43 43										$43 43		

By Lutheran Publication Society, for printing Minutes and Constitution $85 12
By Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Secretary 11 85
By Rev. G. H. Hillerman, for printing 2 00
By Sexton, San Francisco, during Synod 5 00
By Treasurer, traveling expenses 5 00
By Treasurer, postage, exchange, stationery, etc 9 16

Total $118 13

Synodical Treasurer and note $311 21
Total expenses and note 267 78

Cash on hand April 12th, 1901 ..... $43 43

Respectfully submitted, P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX C.—Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.			Board of Education.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$2 35	$0 01	.....	$3 65	$0 01	.....	$13 00	$0 81	....	$10 85	$0 02	.....	$10 85	$0 02	.....	$7 80	.....	.....
Los Angeles	10 80	.....	.....	16 80	.....	.....	56 25	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	40 00	.....	$10 00	20 00	.....	$16 00
Oakland	3 29	.....	.....	5 11	.....	.....	20 38	3 27	.....	20 00	4 79	.....	20 00	4 79	.....	.....	.....	10 95
Riverside	2 25	04	.....	3 45	02	.....	12 00	52	.....	10 65	44	.....	10 66	45	.....	7 35	.....	.....
Sacramento (English)	6 10	02	.....	6 45	.....	$3 00	31 66	04	.....	16 69	.....	$11 43	28 22	10	.....	6 10	.....	14 15
Sacramento (German)	9 95	.....	.....	15 47	.....	.....	56 80	5 00	.....	46 29	25	.....	46 04	.....	.....	47 50	14 35	.....
San Diego	3 92	.....	.....	7 09	1 00	.....	21 39	1 00	.....	18 13	.....	.....	18 13	.....	.....	13 05	.....	.....
San Francisco (English)	10 17	.....	.....	15 82	.....	.....	52 97	.....	.....	47 08	.....	.....	47 08	.....	.....	33 90	.....	.....
San Francisco (German)	1 70	03	.....	2 60	01	.....	12 50	3 83	.....	8 75	1 04	.....	7 75	04	.....	5 55	.....	.....
San José	7 97	.....	.....	11 37	.....	1 02	41 48	.....	.....	10 65	.....	26 23	31 26	.....	5 62	.....	.....	26 55
Net Totals	$58 50	$0 10	.....	$87 81	.....	$2 98	$318 43	$14 85	.....	$239 09	.....	$31 12	$259 99	.....	$10 22	$141 25	.....	$53 30

	Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Deaconess Board.			Home for Aged.			Grand Total.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Total Benevolence.	Total Excess.	Total Deficit.
Alameda	$5 20	.....	.....	$2 60	.....	.....	$3 65	$0 01	.....	$2 60	.....	.....	$62 55	$0 87	.....
Los Angeles	17 00	.....	$7 00	12 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	$6 80	8 00	.....	$4 00	240 85	.....	$43 80
Oakland	7 30	.....	.....	7 75	$4 10	.....	.....	.....	5 11	3 65	.....	.....	87 48	16 95	16 06
Riverside	4 90	.....	.....	2 75	30	.....	3 45	02	.....	2 50	$0 05	.....	59 96	1 84	.....
Sacramento (English)	5 00	.....	8 50	.....	.....	$6 75	2 00	.....	7 45	2 00	.....	4 75	104 22	16	56 03
Sacramento (German)	22 10	.....	.....	11 05	.....	.....	15 75	28	.....	11 05	.....	.....	282 00	19 88	.....
San Diego	8 70	.....	.....	4 45	10	.....	6 09	.....	.....	4 37	02	.....	105 32	2 12	.....
San Francisco (English)	22 60	.....	.....	11 30	.....	.....	15 82	.....	.....	11 30	.....	.....	268 04	.....	.....
San Francisco (German)	3 70	.....	.....	1 85	.....	.....	2 60	01	.....	1 85	.....	.....	48 85	4 96	.....
San José	.....	.....	17 70	8 80	.....	05	.....	.....	12 39	.....	.....	8 85	111 53	.....	98 41
Net Totals	$96 50	.....	$33 20	$62 55	.....	$2 30	$59 36	.....	$31 43	$47 32	.....	$17 53	$1370 80	.....	$167 52

Respectfully submitted, BENJAMIN KOHLMEIER, J. SCHMIERER.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
		Parochial.																	
Alameda, 752 Pacific Avenue, Rev. William Brandes	Deutsche Evang. Lutheran Christus Kirche.	1	1	..	..	16	5	....	3	9	....	....	13	..	57	$2600 00	$1275 00	$693 15	1
Los Angeles, 831 South Hope Street, Rev. Herbert J. Weaver	First English Lutheran.	1	..	2	..	16	3	7	36	5	1	18	7	..	220	25000 00	5147 50	1662 62	2
Oakland, 568 Twelfth Street, Rev. William Kelly	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	..	9	....	1	6	7	3	7	5	7	88	20000 00	8000 00	1376 40	3
Riverside, Rev. George H. Hillerman	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	1	..	..	1	13	1	3	....	4	....	....	2	..	47	100 00	.....	750 34	4
Sacramento, 1415 Eighteenth Street, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	English Lutheran	1	1	1	..	11	2	1	6	6	1	11	2	..	140	20000 00	2000 00	1436 86	5
Sacramento, 1207 K Street, Rev. Charles F. Oehler	German Lutheran	1	..	1	..	13	6	....	10	53	....	19	....	..	224	20000 00	200 00	3264 44	6
San Diego, 1406 Third Street, Rev. J. E. Hoick	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	9	1	....	8	2	2	6	2	2	90	15000 00	3800 00	2051 50	7
San Francisco, 1319 Geary Street, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	First English Lutheran.	1	1	2	..	28	3	3	33	66	....	26	24	..	237	55000 00	9700 00	4177 89	8
San Francisco, 741 Golden Gate Avenue, Rev. Herman Gehrcke.	St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church	1	..	..	..	8	....	....	....	26	..	8	2	..	47	2600 00	.....	1360 15	9
San José, Julian near Second Street, Rev. William E. Fry	Grace Lutheran Church.	1	..	2	..	12	....	9	1	12	....	8	....	..	175	15000 00	3150 00	1093 34	10
Totals for 1901		10	3	12	1	135	21	24	103	190	7	103	57	9	1325	$177300 00	$33272 50	$17866 69	11
Totals for 1900		10	4	14	..	135	20	31	93	209	14	99	54	23	1297	177280 00	30992 00	22260 07	12
Gain		....	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	10	....	....	4	3	..	28	$20 00	$2280 00	.....	13
			1	2				7		19	7		14						$4393 38	14

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y. P. SOCIETIES.			BENEVOLENCE.															
				Contributions.			Contributions.																	
Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	6	71	$29 00	$19 00	.....	.....	.....	$2 35	$3 65	$13 00	$10 85	$10 85	$7 80	.....	$25 15	$5 20	$2 60	$3 65	$2 60	$9 00	$96 70	$790 05
2	1	20	130	98 39	42 09	25	$10 00	$1 25	10 80	16 80	56 25	50 00	40 00	20 00	.....	96 39	17 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	75 25	412 49	2075 11
3	1	17	187	202 67	40 00	46	40 00	15 00	3 29	5 11	55 45	20 00	20 00	.....	.....	25 78	7 30	7 75	.....	3 65	20 00	163 33	1782 40
4	1	13	65	97 65	22 40	.....	.....	.....	2 25	3 45	12 00	10 65	10 66	7 35	.....	30 50	4 90	2 75	3 45	2 50	2 50	92 96	843 30
5	1	10	122	125 00	29 52	49	25 00	8 00	6 10	6 45	31 66	16 69	28 22	6 10	.....	39 50	5 00	.....	2 00	2 00	45 00	188 72	1625 58
6	1	16	215	259 40	40 00	81	312 95	15 00	9 95	15 47	56 80	46 04	46 04	47 50	.....	232 98	22 10	11 05	15 85	11 05	59 50	554 33	3800 72
7	1	18	122	125 54	61 00	37	5 28	15 00	3 92	6 09	20 39	18 13	18 13	13 05	.....	26 18	8 70	4 35	6 09	4 35	48 75	178 13	2229 63
8	2	27	185	243 15	51 32	36	17 50	31 25	10 17	15 82	52 97	47 08	47 08	33 90	.....	106 63	22 60	11 30	15 82	11 30	103 00	477 67	4655 56
9	1	12	85	90 25	.....	*12	.....	.....	1 70	2 60	12 50	8 75	7 75	5 55	.....	68 30	3 70	1 85	2 60	1 85	15 00	132 15	1492 30
10	1	10	100	68 25	41 95	21	37 50	.....	7 97	11 37	41 48	10 65	31 26	.....	.....	24 00	.....	8 80	.....	.....	23 50	159 03	1252 37
11	11	149	1282	1339 30	$347 28	307	$448 23	$85 50	$58 50	$86 81	352 50	238 84	259 99	141 25	.....	675 41	$96 50	$62 45	$59 46	$47 30	396 50	$2455 51	$20647 02
12	12	148	1288	1441 66	420 57	295	730 30	80 72	20 77	104 90	366 92	295 44	600 90	98 70	.....	547 60	77 20	46 85	36 87	37 20	868 50	3211 79	25480 88
13	..	1	....	.....	.....	12	.....	$4 78	$37 73	.....	.....	.....	.....	$42 55	.....	127 81	$19 30	$15 60	$22 59	$10 10	.....	.....	.....
14	1	...	6	$102 36	$73 29	....	$282 07	.....	.....	$18 09	$14 42	$56 60	340 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	472 00	$756 28	$4833 86

* Started the 1st of April.

Respectfully submitted, HERMANN GEHRCKE, WILLIAM BRANDES.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1901, 2 P. M.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society convened in the parlors of the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, Cal., Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, Pastor.

The sesssion opened with devotional services, conducted by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

Prayer by Mrs. Stewart.

Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Reponsive Reading, "Sending Out the Seventy" (Luke x. 1-16), led by Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

Prayer for consecration, by Miss Kate Stuber, read by Mrs. Oehler.

Reception of credentials—enrollment as follows:

San Francisco, English—Mrs. Fricke.

San Francisco, English—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

Sacramento, English—Mrs. Frank Meckfessel.

Sacramento, German—Mrs. C. F. Oehler.

Sacramento, Christian Endeavor, German—Miss Lizzie Sachs.

Oakland, English—Mrs. F. Hilderbrand (*a. e.*).

Oakland, English—Mrs. H. E. Fox (*a. e.*).

San Diego, English—Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

San Diego, English—Mrs. R. H. Young (*a. e.*).

Alameda, German—Mrs. L. Brandes (*a. e.*).

Los Angeles, English—Mrs. H. W. Stewart.

Los Angeles, English—Miss R. E. Hickethier.

Los Angeles, Christian Endeavor, English—Miss F. Row.

Riverside, English—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.

Organization.

President, Mrs. William Kelly, in chair. Reading of the Rules of Order by the Secretary.

In the absence of Secretary, Miss R. Hickethier was appointed Secretary *pro tem.;* likewise in absence of Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Stewart was appointed to fill this office.

Mrs. Mayes and Mrs. William Bosbyshell were made advisory members.

Cordial greeting was extended by Mrs. H. W. Stewart, of Los

Angeles. To this beautiful address of welcome, Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, of Riverside, gave hearty and fitting response in behalf of delegates.

The President's Report, abounding in beauty and helpfulness, was then listened to.

President's Report.

Dear Friends: In presenting to you my annual report as President of this body, I desire, first of all, to invite you to join with me in thanking God for the evidences of increasing prosperity in our California work.

With each successive year of effort, the outlook for the permanent establishment and growing power and influence of the Lutheran Church in this great State becomes more hopeful, and we no longer labor in a spirit of uncertainty as to final results, but in the full assurance of absolute confidence look forward to the ultimate success of the work in which we are engaged; season by season the future outlook grows clearer, and soon the Lutheran Church of this splendid State may stand, like Moses of old, on its mountain of vision and view the promised land.

The year of effort just closed has marked a decided advance in the California work. The churches of San Diego, Oakland, San José, and possibly others, have largely reduced their indebtedness. The Riverside congregation is taking steps to erect a new and beautiful building; missions are about to be organized in Redlands and San Bernardino; the English Church of Sacramento has become self-sustaining, and numerous accessions to some of our congregations will materially strengthen our work. Nothing calling for particular comment, in the line of our special work, has come to my attention, other than the notices sent out to each Society, urging them to contribute to the Scranton and Riverside Missions; it is earnestly hoped all our Societies will unite in assisting these struggling enterprises. Nearly all the California Societies, I believe, are in good condition, each performing efficient service in creating an interest in the great work of Home and Foreign Missions. The recent visit of Dr. Pohlmann to the coast was an inspiration to all who heard his addresses on the work of the field in which he is engaged, and will doubtless bear fruit in stimulating an increased interest in the African field. A pleasing feature in the work of the Mission Societies of the Bay Cities the past year was the holding of Quarterly Conferences of the Societies of San Francisco, Oakland, and Alameda. These conferences have been helpful, not only in stimulating an interest in the cause of missions, but in bringing the ladies of the churches together and developing a social and friendly spirit of esteem and Christian love. Unfortunately our churches in some sections of the State are so far apart as to make it impossible for the Societies to hold similar meetings, but wherever it is possible to do so such meetings could,

with advantage, be held. The ladies of the German and English Churches of Sacramento could hold such meetings. Los Angeles and Riverside are not too far apart for purposes of social, mission, and general Christian intercourse, and we believe, in the case of these points at least, meetings similar to the meetings held in the Bay Cities would be productive of mutual encouragement and so result in good.

In entering on the work of another year we should set before ourselves certain ideals as guide-posts to point out the line of advance. First. We should renew our vows of consecration to the cause in which we are engaged. Second. We should aim to arouse a greater interest in the work of missions in our respective congregations. Third. We should endeavor to increase the membership of our local Societies. Fourth. Where possible to do so, it would be well to organize Junior Mission Bands among the scholars in our schools. In this connection I desire to call special attention to the plan promulgated by the Executive Committee, known as the Cradle Roll; this plan contemplates adding the names of all babies in the congregation to the Cradle Roll of membership on the payment by the parents of ten cents for each child, the children to receive certificates of membership, and to have their names inscribed on a general roll. The adoption of this plan, we believe, would help our work by interesting the parents, and cultivating a love of missions in the young almost from their birth. Fifth. It would be helpful to the cause to place a few good volumes on mission work in our Sunday school libraries. In these and other ways that will suggest themselves to you, a new interest in missions may be quickened that will help us as individuals, benefit our Societies, and aid our general work. And now, on returning to you the office I received from your hands one year ago, I desire to thank you for the honor conferred on me in electing me to the position of President of the Mission Society of the State, and I bespeak for my successor in office the same loyal support you have given unto me.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WILLIAM KELLY.

Reception of letters, greetings, and papers.

Report of Standing Committees.

Miss Kate Stuber, Synodical Corresponding Secretary, sent in a splendid report, showing increase in membership and contributions. Membership, 314.

Synodical Treasurer's Report presented as follows:

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30th, 1900. General Fund.	Quarter Ending June 30th, 1900. Scranton.	Ending Sept. 30th, 1900. General Fund.	Quarter Ending Dec. 30th, 1900. General Fund.	Quarter Ending Dec. 30th, 1900. Thank Offering.	Quarter Ending March 30th, 1901. General Fund.	Quarter Ending March 30th, 1901. Bed in India.	Quarter Ending March 30th, 1901. Riverside Mission.	Quarter Ending March 30th, 1901. Synodical Fee and Fund.	Quarter Ending March 30th, 1901. Expense of Delegate to Biennial Convention.	Totals.
Balance	$14 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$31 20	.....	$46 00
Los Angeles	4 45	.....	$1 70	$8 95	$39 48	$6 65	.....	$3 00	.....	.....	64 23
San Francisco, English	5 90	.....	2 30	7 20	.....	11 00	.....	25 00	2 40	.....	53 80
San Francisco, German	11 90	.....	12 60	12 50	.....	12 60	$5 50	.....	4 80	.....	59 90
Sacramento, German	16 20	.....	16 20	16 20	10 00	15 60	5 50	5 50	5 20	.....	90 40
Sacramento, English	3 80	$1 50	3 00	2 30	5 00	3 20	5 00	4 50	1 30	.....	29 60
San José	2 00	.....	1 75	2 25	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	$2 25	23 75
Alameda	4 80	.....	4 80	4 80	.....	4 80	3 20	.....	2 00	.....	24 40
San Diego	1 85	50	3 45	2 85	80	1 95	5 50	2 50	2 00	.....	21 40
Oakland	1 55	.....	2 00	1 85	5 57	2 85	.....	2 70	1 50	7 76	25 78
Riverside	2 75	2 00	4 60	3 20	13 00	2 60	3 00	.....	.....	.....	31 15
Amount Received	$70 00	$4 00	$52 40	$62 10	$75 85	$63 25	$32 70	$48 20	$51 90	$10 01	$470 41
Amount Remitted	70 00	4 00	52 40	62 10	75 85	63 25	27 70	43 20	.....	.....	398 50
Amount in Treasury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	$5 00	$51 90	$10 01	$71 91

EXPENSES.

President's Traveling Expenses	$35 00
Printing Programmes	2 50
Recording Secretary's Expenses	2 50
Historian's Expenses	1 25
Treasurer's Expenses	4 50
Typewriting (Convention Papers)	1 45
Total	$47 20

Amount in Treasury	$71 91
Collection during Synod	5 55
Sunday Evening Collection	14 45
Total	$91 91
Less Expenses	47 20
Cash on hand	$44 71
Amount belonging to General Fund	10 00
Amount in Synodical Fund	$34 71
Less Treasurer's Expenses for Year	3 00
	$31 71

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JOHN C. WALLING, *Treasurer.*

Report of Auxiliary delegates, showing increase.

The President appointed the following committees:

List of Committees.

Auditing Committee—Miss Lizzie Sachs, Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.

President's Address—Mrs. Oehler, Miss R. Hickethier.

Historian's Report—Mrs. H. W. Stewart, Mrs. Meckfessel.

Letters, Greeting, and Papers—Mrs. J. W. Fricke, Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

Literature Committee—Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Hillerman.

Resolutions—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Miss Hickethier.

Revision of By-Laws—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Mrs. C. F. Oehler.

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers presented the following report:

Historian's Report.

At our last Convention it was resolved that the Societies adjacent to each other should hold quarterly conferences. Four of these have been held this past year—two in San Francisco, one in Oakland, and one in Alameda. The pastors of our churches attended them with us; and the exchange of thoughts and plans for our work, together with the social hour and refreshments, made our meeting profitable and very enjoyable. They will be continued during the present year. The next one will be held in Oakland the last Friday in May.

The *Western Lutheran*, edited and conducted by Rev. William Kelly, of Oakland, has appeared amongst us, and is a decided success.

Reports from Societies.

SAN DIEGO AUXILIARY.

The outlook of this Society is quite encouraging—pastor and people being devoted to the upbuilding of the church and Society. The main object of the year has been the freeing of the church from debt. Twenty-two members; fifteen of these are actively engaged in the work; seven are honorary; funds raised for missionary purposes, $25.68; Journals taken, 16; quite a number of church papers.

MRS. J. E. BOYCE, *Secretary.*

SAN FRANCISCO.

This Society has increased in interest this present year; the members meet at different houses, and find it much better than to meet at the church. An earnest

effort has been made to increase the interest in all church matters. The pastor has had much success in his Sunday evening lectures for young people, and all are hoping for good results. Many church papers are taken; Journals, 8; Mission Studies, 2; number of members, 24; funds raised for Riverside, $25.00. Total, $91.50.

MRS. JOHN EVERDING, *President.*

SACRAMENTO, GERMAN.

Our Society is in a prosperous condition; we have lost no members, and those that belong to us are faithful; 56 active, 10 honorary; total, 66. Meetings held, 12; average attendance, 18; Journals taken, 29; *Western Lutheran*, over 100 copies; amount of funds raised for missionary purposes, including the adoption of an India orphan, $232.98

MRS. GRUNEWALD, *President.*

OAKLAND.

Our church and Society are in a prosperous state. New life seems to have been infused into it by the labors of our pastor and his wife. The main efforts of this mission during this year have been expended in raising money to free the church from debt—$3400.00 has been obtained for this purpose. Number of members, 15; Journals, 7; Mission Studies, 2. Our paper, the *Western Lutheran*, largely taken. Amount of money for missionary purposes, $25.83.

MRS. L. K. F. KELLY, *President.*

ALAMEDA.

Number of members, 33 active; 1 honorary; church papers, 18; funds raised for missionary purposes, $25.15; the Society and members of this mission are faithful and enthusiastic in their work; perfect harmony exists in the church between pastor and people. Our quarterly conference here was the best attended and most enthusiastic of any convention.

MRS. LYDIA BRANDES, *President.*

SACRAMENTO, ENGLISH.

Our church has recently lost one of our chief supporters and pillars, Mr. Traver, who died lately. But we are moving right on, in face of all discouragements, and hope for the best. Several new members will be added at Easter, and we will become self-supporting April 1st. Members of the Auxiliary, 20; funds raised during the year, $29.60; Journals taken, 9; Mission Studies, 2; several church papers taken.

MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON, *President.*

ST. MATTHEW'S (GERMAN), SAN FRANCISCO.

The state of this Society is excellent. Officers and members take an active part in the work. Profitable meetings are held with good attendance. Active

members, 48; honorary, 12; total, 60; Journals, 3; several church papers; amount of funds, $67.30.

MISS M. A. FOLCKE, *President.*

RIVERSIDE.

State of church and Society excellent. Number of members in Missionary Society, 25; funds raised during the year, $30.50; Journals taken, 12; church papers, 16.

MRS. GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, *President.*

SAN JOSÉ.

General state of our Society good. Our members are few, but faithful. We held a missionary tea to raise funds for Synod, and expect to hold another one on Easter Monday. Number of members, 18; Mission Studies, 1; church papers, 4; *Western Lutheran*, 15; funds raised during the year, $21.75.

MRS. W. E. FRY, *President.*

LOS ANGELES.

State of spirituality in our church and Society is very good; members, 30; Journals, 14; Mission Studies, 1; quite a number of church papers; funds raised for missionary purposes, including a box sent to the Indians, $143.55.

ROSE E. HICKETHIER, *Secretary.*

Total amount of money raised by Societies, $703.84.

Reporters to Papers.

Lutheran Observer—

Lutheran World—Miss R. E. Hickethier.

Missionary Journal—

Lutheran Evangelist—Miss Lizzie Sachs.

Kirchenfreund—Mrs. Oehler.

Western Lutheran—

City Papers—Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

On motion, Riverside is excused from assessment.

Motion carried.

Five-minute addresses on our work, a number taking part in discussing subject.

An interesting report was given from the Christian Endeavor Society of the German Church, Sacramento.

Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 9.30 A. M.

Session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. J. E. Hoick. Reading Scripture, Exodus xxxv.

Song, "Sunshine."

Mrs. Hoick gave short interesting talk on reading.

Responsive reading, "Sending Out the Twelve Apostles" (Matt. x. 5-20), by Miss Hickethier.

Prayer for Missions, Mrs. Oehler.

Roll call.

Reading of minutes of first session approved.

Secretary read report from German Society, San Francisco.

Paper, "The Relative Importance of Home and Foreign Missions," written by Mrs. Fry, San José, read by Secretary. This was a most splendidly written paper.

Moved and seconded that same be typewritten and sent to different Societies, to be read at monthly meeting.

Hymn, "O Lord, our God, arise."

Paper, "Needs of Home Missions in California," postponed until Sunday evening service.

Open Parliament, "What is the Greatest Drawback to Our Work on the Coast?" conducted by Mrs. Emma Hoeh, Los Angeles. This spendidly written and ably delivered paper opened a discussion of great interest, different members telling of discouragements in their Societies. We hope the information received may be the means of inspiration in our work.

Song, "Showers of blessing."

Synod attend in a body. They were greeted by a welcome from President, members rising to welcome them.

Rev. Hoick, President of Synod, and Rev. Weaver, pastor of Los Angeles church, responded to fitting and beautiful addresses of encouragement and greeting.

After singing one verse of "Blest be the tide that binds," and short prayer by Rev. Kelly, Synod returned to their business.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Hoeh's paper be typewritten, to be read at monthly meetings of Auxiliaries.

On motion, following reports were accepted:

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee find it impossible to make a report of any kind, for the reason that the Treasurer sent only her *report*, and we have no books or vouchers with which to compare it.

We recommend that hereafter the Treasurer be required to submit all books and vouchers with her report to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN,
MISS LIZZIE SACHS.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Resolvd, 1. That the President's Address is a most splendid and helpful paper; that the same be printed in minutes of Convention.

2. That we extend Mrs. William Kelly, our President, a rising vote of thanks for her faithful and efficient services during the year.

3. We remember, especially, Riverside, Redlands, and San Bernardino with prayers and money.

4. We congratulate Sacramento English Church in becoming self-sustaining.

5. That we recognize the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Pohlmann a great help to our work, as it has been the means of great inspiration.

6. That quarterly union meetings be held, where convenient.

7. That we set before ourselves certain ideals as guide-posts to point out the line of advance.

8. Organization of Junior Mission Bands.

9. That all Sunday school libraries have a few good volumes of Mission work.

Respectfully submitted, MISS ROSE E. HICKETHIER,
MRS. C. F. OEHLER.

Report on Historian's Paper.

The Historian's Report is very complete in every way, and would suggest a vote of thanks from this Society for her faithful services during the past year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. W. STEWART,
MRS. MECKFESSEL.

The Committee on Letters, Greeting, and Papers submit the following report:

Report of Committee on Letters, Greeting, and Papers.

The letter of greeting from Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary of Executive Committee of the General Society, was read and greatly enjoyed by all. She expressed the hope that we would have a joyful anniversary meeting, and that we would be abundantly blessed in our labors for the Master. She rejoiced in our success and encouraged us to go forward. She also urged an increased subscription list for the *Missionary Journal*, as it is the avenue through which our women are kept in touch with the work.

Mrs. John Everding sent greeting, and was sorry that she was unable to be present.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. W. FRICKE,
MRS. J. E. HOICK.

Report of Literature Committee, from April, 1900, to April, 1901.

Monthly tracts circulated	130
Free tracts	55
Other tracts	40
Thank-offering programmes	200
Topic cards, sample copies issued	10

The following Societies have contributed toward monthly tracts: St. Matthew, German, San Francisco; English Church, San Francisco; San José; Oakland; Sacramento, German; Sacramento, English; Alameda, German; San Diego; Riverside; Los Angeles.

Two subscriptions taken for Mission Studies. One photograph sold.

Have remitted $6.10 to Mrs. Carr for literature.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. L. COBB,
MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with gratitude to our God His loving care in the preservation of our lives during the year, and in the general condition of our missions.

2. *Resolved*, That we welcome with joy the addition of another mission at Redlands, and wish it great success.

3. *Resolved*, That we advise our different Auxiliaries to make especial efforts toward raising funds for Riverside and Redlands during this year.

4. *Resolved*, That we deeply deplore the death of two of our young missionaries—Rev. J. D. Simon, in Africa, and Rev. S. C. Kinsinger, in India—and manifest our sympathy by a rising vote.

5. *Resolved*, That we regret the absence of our First Vice-President, Mrs.

Grunewald, and extend to her our sympathy in her illness, and that a letter be sent to her by our Secretary conveying our sentiments.

6. *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order and the Revised By-laws be printed in the minutes of this Convention.

7. *Resolved*, That we return the heartfelt thanks of our Convention to the friends and members of the Los Angeles Church, who have so hospitably and generously entertained us in such a bountiful and delightful manner, far beyond our most sanguine expectations, and that we wish them during the coming years the blessing of God upon pastor and people, and great success in their labors for His honor and glory.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. E. BITTLE-MYERS,
MISS HICKETHIER.

Report of the Committee on Revision of By-Laws.

1. The time of the meeting of this Society shall be on Thursday, during the week of Synod.

2. The officers shall be : President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Historian.

3. Each of the Auxiliary Woman's and Young People's Societies within the bounds of this Synod contributing five cents per member, and Children's Bands contributing one dollar annually to the contingent fund of this Society, shall be entitled to two voting delegates at annual convention.

4. Each Auxiliary Society can send one delegate, besides the President, to the Synodical Convention.

5. The chairman of each delegation shall report, verbally or in writing, the general work of their Society.

6. A Synodical delegate may be sent to each Biennial Convention of the General Convention, and, when possible, half expenses be paid.

7. The fiscal year shall close after the last meeting in March, and all the funds be sent to the Treasurer before the 20th of March. That the Societies hold their meetings the first week of every month.

8. At each annual convention the President shall appoint an Auditing Committee to examine the Treasurer's books and report to the Society.

9. All members of standing committees shall be considered delegates to the annual convention.

10. Each Auxiliary Society shall subscribe twenty-five cents for tracts, to be furnished by the Literature Committee.

11. Each Auxiliary Society shall pay the amount of twenty-five cents per member, annually, to the Synodical Fund.

12. Each Auxiliary Society shall hold a praise service before the annual convention ; a collection taken for the general fund of the convention.

13. The expenses of the President shall be paid from the Synodical Fund.

14. The rules of order shall be read from the chair immediately after the organization of convention.

15. All incidental expenses incurred by the officers in their work shall be paid from the same fund.

16. These By-laws may be altered by a two-thirds vote of the Synodical Convention.

17. A Nominating Committee of three shall be appointed by the President at each convention, to nominate the officers for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. E. BITTLE-MYERS,
MRS. C. F. OEHLER.

Rules of Order.

1. No subject shall be discussed without being first presented in a motion made, seconded, and committed to writing; and the mover shall have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before the question is taken.

2. When a motion has been made and seconded, if a member objects to its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question, "Shall this subject be discussed?" when, if decided in the negative, the motion shall be dismissed; and no motion thus dismissed shall be entered in the Minutes, unless by a vote of the Convention.

3. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

4. No amendment shall be entertained unless germane to the motion under consideration, nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except,

(1) To adjourn;
(2) To lay on the table;
(3) To close debate;
(4) To postpone indefinitely;
(5) To postpone to a specified time;
(6) To refer to Executive Committee;
(7) To refer to a Special Committee;
(8) To amend;

which motions shall take precedence of each other in the order in which they are numbered.

6. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

7. The motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be taken without debate.

8. Amendments may be offered at any stage of the question.

9. When a motion is adopted to close debate, the motions then pending before the Convention shall be put in the order of their arrangement, as provided in Rule 5th.

10. A motion to refer or commit is debatable, but until decided shall preclude all debate of the main question.

11. The President shall decide all questions of order; but any member has

a right to appeal from her decision. The question on an appeal shall be stated in the following manner: "Shall the decision of the President stand as the judgment of the Convention?" and until decided shall preclude all debate of the main question. Debate shall be allowed only on appeals taken while a debatable motion is before the Convention.

12. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time shall be voted on first.

13. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, when requested by five members of the Convention.

14. No member shall speak in debate without first rising from her seat and respectfully addressing herself to the President. She shall confine herself to the subject under debate, and avoid personality; nor shall she be interrupted except with her own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.

15. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Convention.

16. The President shall have the right to speak on any matter before the Convention, provided the chair be filled by another member, and she shall have the power to name any member to perform temporarily the duties of the chair when she may wish to vacate it.

17. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by the Convention.

18. These Rules shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Convention, and may be altered or amended at any session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Prayer. Adjournment.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2 P. M.

Session opened with a memorial service, conducted by Mrs. J. A. Cobb, of Los Angeles, which was very impressive.

Silent prayer.

Song, "Nearer my God to Thee."

Leader then gave short sketch of the lives of our departed missionaries, Rev. Simon, of Africa, and Rev. Kinsinger, of India.

Prayer by Mrs. Hoick.

Song, "Some Time We'll Understand."

Prayer by Mrs. Stewart.

Responsive reading, "How Mission Work Will Gain Success," (Acts i.), by Mrs. Hillerman.

Roll call.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Reports of various committees.

Moved we regret that Mrs. Young, our delegate to Biennial Convention, cannot represent Society, on account of insufficient funds in treasury. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented, and, on motion, ordered paid:

To Mrs. William Kelly, for traveling expenses	$20 50
To Mrs. William Kelly, stationery, stamps, etc	75
To Mrs. J. C. Walling, Treasurer	3 00
To Miss K. Stuber, Corresponding Secretary	1 50
To Mrs. Carr, literature,	2 85
To Mrs. S. E. B. Myers, Historian	2 00
To Mrs. Kelly, printing programmes	5 00

Mrs. Kelly most kindly donated $2.00 on programmes, also 75 cents for stationery, stamps, etc.

Received by a rising vote of thanks by Society.

Motion made that Mrs. Burnett represent our Society at Biennial Convention. Motion carried.

Question box. Answered by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Election of Officers.

President—Mrs. William Kelly.

First Vice-President—Mrs. John Everding.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. C. F. Oehler.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Kate Stuber.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

Literature Committee—Miss R. E. Hickethier, Mrs. Emma Hoeh.

An invitation to meet in Alameda next year was accepted.

A rising vote of thanks was given to President and other officers for faithful services.

Offering, $3.60.

Hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."
Prayer by President. Mizpah benediction.
Adjournment.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Mrs. William Kelly presiding.
Hymn, "Hark! the song of jubilee."
Scripture reading, 2 Tim. iv. 1-8, Rev. H. J. Weaver.
Prayer, Rev. G. H. Hillerman.
Hymn, "Watchman, tell us of the night."
Paper, "Needs of Home Missions in California," Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.
Anthem by choir.
Sermon by Rev. William Kelly. Text, John xx. 29: "Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."
Offering for Riverside, $20.00.
Hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains."
Benediction by Rev. Kelly.

ROSE E. HICKETHIER,
Secretary pro tem.

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Number.	Place of Meeting.	Date.	Officers.		
			President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D.	Mr. John Everding.
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. H. M. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding.
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding.
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1902-1903.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

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SECRETARY.

Rev. GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, 995 Locust Street, Riverside, Cal.

TREASURER.

P. S. LEISENRING, M. D., Rooms 10, 11, and 12 Bon-Ton Building, San Diego, Cal.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1902-1903.

HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. HERMANN GEHRCKE. Rev. WILLIAM KELLY.
Rev. GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. HERMANN GEHRCKE. Rev. J. E. HOICK.
G. G. BURNETT.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Rev. E. NELANDER, Ph. D. Rev. C. F. OEHLER.
J. C. WALLING.

EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

Rev. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D. Rev. E. NELANDER, Ph. D.
Rev. C. F. OEHLER.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. ARTHUR BREDENBEK. Rev. WILLIAM BRANDES.
FREDERICK GERDES.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

J. W. FRICKE. A. E. FOX.
H. GOETJEN.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Rev. H. J. WEAVER. Rev. A. JATHO.
H. A. GETZ.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place.—Sacramento, Cal.
Date.—April 29, 1903.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

Wednesday Evening.

SYNODICAL SERMON (BY THE PRESIDENT).

HOLY COMMUNION.

Thursday Evening.

CALIFORNIA MISSION WORK.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D.	REV. G. H. HILLERMAN.

THE LORD'S DAY.

REV. E. NELANDER, PH. D.	REV. J. S. MOSER.

Friday Afternoon.

DOCTRINAL—ARTICLE V. AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

REV. C. F. OEHLER.	REV. WILLIAM BRANDES.

PRACTICAL—THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

REV. J. E. HOICK.	REV. A. JATHO.

Friday Evening.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

REV. WILLIAM KELLY.	REV. H. J. WEAVER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. ARTHUR BREDENBEK.	REV. F. C. VIERKE.

Sunday Afternoon.

SCANDINAVIAN SERVICE.

REV. E. NELANDER, PH. D.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1902, 7.45 P. M.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of California Synod assembled in the Christ German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Alameda, Cal., Rev. William Brandes, pastor, with all the pastors of Synod present at the opening session.

The liturgical service was in charge of the President and Secretary of Synod. The Synodical sermon was delivered by the President, Rev. William Kelly, from Acts v. 20, upon the theme, "The Word of Life."

Synodical communion followed.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1902, 9 A. M.

Synod was regularly opened by the President with the forms prescribed in the Ministerial Acts of the General Synod.

After the reception of lay delegates, the following composed the

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Residence.	Lay.
1836	S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D. *a. e.*	San Diego.	
1876	William Kelly	Oakland	H. W. DuMars.
1877	J. S. Moser	Los Gatos.	
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D.	Sacramento	Samuel S. Focht.
1881	J. Schmierer, *a. e.*	Monrovia.	
1885	L. C. Routzahn, *a*	Arroyo Grande.	
1887	A. Jatho	Oakland.	
1888	Charles F. Oehler	Sacramento	Fred. Lothhammer, *a. e.*
1889	William Brandes	Alameda	William Betten.
1889	E. Nelander, Ph. D.	San Francisco	G. G. Burnett.
1890	William E. Fry	Berkeley.	
1891	V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D., *a. e.*	Berlin, Ger.	
1892	Hermann Gehrcke	San Francisco	John Bruns, *a.*
1894	H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	H. A. Getz, *a. e.*
1894	J. E. Hoick	San Diego	W. H. Dehm, *a. e.*
1896	F. C. Vierke	Redlands.	
1896	G. H. Hillerman	Riverside	J. F. Reimer, *a. e.*
1896	Arthur Bredenbek *	San José	Fred. Gerdes, *a. e.*

a. e. Absent and excused. *a.* Absent.

* Received from East Pennsylvania Synod.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren: The Synodical year just ended was probably one of the most successful, spiritually, financially, and numerically, in the history of the California Synod. During its continuance debts were reduced, mortgages canceled, one new church erected, a new mission with two preaching places organized, the membership of a number of churches increased, some of the congregations spiritually quickened, and the work, as a whole, took on new life. As we look back over the past and notice the evidences of advance, we have reason to exclaim, with the Psalmist: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad" (Ps. cxxvi. 3).

The following is the record of my official correspondence and acts: On the 1st of May I received a letter from the Rev. George H. Hillerman, asking me to notify the Board of Church Extension of the Synod's action requesting the Board to donate $500.00 toward the erection of a church at Riverside. I complied with the request. On the 3d of May, Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer, Secretary of the Woman's Executive Committee, informed me that the Rev. W. E.

Fry had been appointed by the committee to supply the Grace Lutheran Church of San José until July 1st. I notified Brother Fry of the committee's action. May the 9th I received a letter from Mr. W. W. Witmer, of Des Moines, Iowa, calling attention to the approaching twentieth anniversary of the Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., as Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and requesting that a letter be sent to the churches of the Synod asking them to celebrate the event by taking special collections for Home Missions. Letters were sent to the various congregations, and in some instances collections were taken. The 21st of June I received a letter from the Rev. F. C. Vierke, pastor at Redlands, informing me that $650.00 had been pledged for the purchase of a church lot, that a constitution was about to be adopted, pledging, among other provisions, loyalty to the General Synod, that twenty-five persons had joined the church, a Sunday school was organized, and the outlook was encouraging. June 27th I received a letter from the Rev. W. E. Fry, informing me that the Rev. Arthur Bredenbek, of Philadelphia, would probably be appointed to take charge of the church at San José, that a congregational meeting would be called to act on his election, and that he would probably be in San José by the 1st of August. I wrote to Brother Fry urging him to remain as supply until the arrival of his successor; Mr. Fry consented to do so. The Executive Committee ratified this action. The 1st of July I received a communication from the Rev. George H. Hillerman, informing me that the corner-stone of Trinity Church, Riverside, would be laid on the 14th of the month, and the Rev. H. J. Weaver would preach the sermon. At the time named the stone of the new church was laid with impressive ceremonies. Early in August the Rev. R. F. Weidner, LL. D., President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Chicago, consulted with me regarding the advisability of establishing a Lutheran Summer School of Theology on the west coast. I referred Dr. Weidner to the Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., for an expression of opinion. The matter was presented to Dr. Barnitz. It met his approval, and on the 9th of June the first Lutheran Summer School of Theology ever held on the west coast will be opened in Berkeley. Early in August the Rev. G. H. Hillerman informed me that Mr. Ralph Reiner had refused the offer of the California Synod to assist him financially in his studies, provided he attended one of our Lutheran Colleges and would continue his course at Berkeley. On the 10th of September the Rev. E. Unangst was dismissed by letter to the Alleghany Synod. The 29th of September I dedicated the first Finnish American Lutheran Church at Berkeley. The 1st of October Rev. W. E. Fry informed me that he had ceased to supply the church at San José, as his successor, the Rev. A. Bredenbek, had arrived in San José and taken charge of the work. The 15th of October, learning of the sudden death of David Park Barnitz, the son of the Western Secretary of Home Missions, I assumed the liberty of tendering to Dr. Barnitz, with my personal condolences, the sympathy of the California Synod. October 29th I received a letter from the Rev. S. W. Young, of

Fresno, asking that steps be taken to organize a Lutheran congregation in that city. This letter will be referred to a committee for consideration. November 14th the Rev. A. Bredenbek sent me his letter of dismissal from the East Pennsylvania Synod. December 8th, Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, was solemnly dedicated to the worship of God. The pastor, Rev. George H. Hillerman, was assisted in the service by the Revs. J. E. Hoick and H. J. Weaver. On the same day, Brother Hillerman was installed as pastor by the brethren named. On the 19th of January, with the assistance of the Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., I installed Rev. A. Bredenbek as pastor of the church at San José. On the 10th of March, the congregation at San Diego, having redeemed their mortgage, consigned it to the flames. It was my privilege to be present, and to congratulate the pastor and congregation in the name of the Synod. On the 16th of March a special effort was made by the First Lutheran Church at Los Angeles to cancel their indebtedness. The sum of $2000.00 required was not only subscribed, but about $400.00 was contributed in excess of the amount needed. The splendid result was due to the liberality of the people, the work of the pastor, and the co-operation of the Secretaries of the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension. At the close of the year 1901 I was compelled to discontinue the publication of the *Western Lutheran* for want of adequate support. I desire to call the attention of the Synod to the following action of the General Synod, recorded in the Minutes of 1901, page 93: "In giving letters of dismission to parents or heads of families removing to other congregational connections, pastors shall include by name the unconfirmed baptized children that go with them, who should thus pass over under the care of the church and pastor to which the dismissal is made." I would also direct your attention to the financial embarrassment of the Board of Foreign Missions, and suggest an increase of liberality in supporting the work of that Board as well as the remaining Boards of the Church. It might be well for the Synod to express an opinion on the advisability of establishing a Lutheran Summer School of Theology in conjunction with the various Lutheran bodies of the coast.

And now, brethren, I return to you the office entrusted to my care, thanking you for your confidence, forbearance, and courtesy; I give way to my successor, praying that with each returning year the California Synod may see rising higher and higher the tide of material and spiritual prosperity.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM KELLY,
President.

Revs. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of Home Missions, and H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of Church Extension, were elected as advisory members of Synod.

The Treasurer being unavoidably detained from the Conven-

tion of Synod, his report was read by his pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoick, totals alone being given. (See Appendix B.)

After correction, the report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, the President's Report was referred to the proper committee.

No Standing Committees being ready to report, the Parochial Reports were presented by the pastors.

On motion of Rev. Charles F. Oehler, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of our Synod be instructed to write to the President of the General Synod, to find out the exact meaning of the foot-note 7 on Parochial Reports, whether by "families of the congregation" are meant only the *members* of the congregation, or any families that may be in loose connection with the church, and that the Secretary inform the members of Synod during the coming year concerning the question.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education beg to report that the amount voted for the support of Mr. Ralph O. Reiner, on the condition that he attend some educational institution in the General Synod, has not been so applied, as Mr. Reiner preferred to continue his studies for the present at the University of California. There are at present two young men, Mr. Ralph O. Reiner, of Riverside, and Mr. B. Arfsten, Jr., of San Francisco, pursuing studies with the Lutheran ministry in view. There are at present no applicants for beneficiary aid.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
G. G. BURNETT.

Report adopted.

On motion of Rev. Hoick, a recess of fifteen minutes was taken to allow the President opportunity to appoint his committees.

Upon reconvening the President announced the following committees:

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D. and Mr. H. W. DuMars.

2. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. C. F. Oehler and Mr. Frederick Lothhammer.

3. *Apportionment*—Rev. J. E. Hoick, Messrs. S. S. Focht and H. W. DuMars.

4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Revs. William Brandes and A. Jatho.

5. *Auditing*—Revs. A. Bredenbek and H. J. Weaver.

6. *Resolutions and Temperance*—Revs. William E. Fry and F. C. Vierke

7. *Religious Services*—Revs. William Brandes and E. Nelander, Ph. D.

8. *Excess and Deficit*—Revs. H. J. Weaver and H. Gehrcke.

9. *Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies*—Messrs. H. W. DuMars and William Betten.

10. *Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. C. F. Ochler and Mr. John Bruns.

11. *Constitution and Application of Redlands Church*—Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., and Mr. G. G. Burnett.

12. *Letter from Rev. S. W. Young, of Fresno*—Home Mission Committee.

13. *Wedekind Library*—Revs. J. E. Hoick, H. J. Weaver, and G. H. Hillerman.

14. *Date of Synod*—Revs. William Kelly, H. Gehrcke, and G. H. Hillerman.

Reporters for Church Papers.

Zion's Bote—Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Observer—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

World—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Evangelist—Rev. W. E. Fry.

Local Papers—Revs. William Brandes and A. Bredenbek.

On motion, the hours of the business sessions of Synod were fixed as follows:

9 A. M. to 12 M. and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.; and the evening sessions to begin at 7.45.

On motion, it was resolved that this afternoon be devoted to committee work.

On motion of Rev. George H. Hillerman, it was resolved that the item for Orphans' Home on the apportionment be stricken from the Apportionment Table of California Synod.

It was resolved, on motion, that Dr. H. L. Yarger be heard to-night on Church Extension, and Rev. Oehler on Home Missions.

On motion, Synod adjourned, with closing prayer by Rev. A. Jatho.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

The services were conducted by the Secretary of Synod.

Addresses were delivered as follows: On Home Missions, by Rev. Charles F. Oehler; on Sunday Schools, by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.; on Church Extension, by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the President.

After calling of the roll, the minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. G. G. Burnett, it was resolved that the special order of business for 11 A. M. to-day be greetings, and report from Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Report of Committee on the State of the Church.

Your Committee on the State of the Church, from the reports received as well as from personal interview, take pleasure in announcing the work of our Church in this State to be in a flourishing condition.

As the Gospel stream in its onward flow widened and deepened, so the Church of Christ, as represented by our beloved Zion, has increased in power and influence. It is a pleasure to chronicle a marked advance along almost every line of activity, even in the midst of formidable difficulties. In the number of church organizations, buildings, and membership, progress is to be noted. In the enrollment of Sunday school officers and teachers and students for the ministry, an increase has been made. There has been more prayer and more giving. There is less of debt, and less of difficulty.

All this has been accomplished under the blessing of God by a ministry faithful and devoted, also by the active co-operation of people loyal and true. The great Bishop and Shepherd of our souls has given, during the past year, signal evidence of presence and power.

To Him who is able to build you up and keep you from falling, to the only wise God, be all honor and glory. Amen.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on the President's Report.

It is with gratitude to God that we note the advance made by all our churches, and mentioned in our President's Report. We regret that it has been found necessary to discontinue the publication of the *Western Lutheran*, as we feel the importance of the paper to our work, and wish that it might be maintained permanently. We would recommend that the editor receive the thanks of Synod for his able and faithful work done on this paper.

We would recommend the suggestion of the report, that action be taken in the matter of starting a mission at Fresno; and that Synod give its approval to the starting of the Summer School of Theology.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
H. W. DuMARS.

Report adopted.

Report of the Church Extension Committee.

The Church Extension Committee beg leave to report that the Board of Church Extension donated $500.00 to the church at San Diego, to enable that congregation to pay its mortgage indebtedness; also $200.00 to the church at Riverside.

The thanks of this Synod are due the Board of Church Extension for the generous assistance afforded to its struggling churches.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM KELLY,
F. C. VIERKE.

Report adopted by a rising vote of Synod.

Report of Committee on Resolutions and Temperance.

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be extended to the pastor and his family and the congregation of the German Evangelical Lutheran Christ Church for their bounteous and hospitable entertainment, and to the choir for their excellent music.

2. *Resolved*, That we thank Mr. J. W. Fricke, Chairman of the Parochial Report Committee, for his neat, exact, and conscientious work for the Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the increased interest and solid advance in the work of our churches this past year.

4. *Resolved*, That the opening of promising fields within our State be made a special item in the prosecution of the work of our Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the visit to our Synod of the Western Secretaries, representing the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, Revs. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and H. L. Yarger, D. D.

6. *Resolved*, That the traffic in strong drink is one of the greatest curses afflicting our country; and that we strenuously exert our influence on the side of temperance in every wise and judicious way.

7. *Resolved*, That a committee of three, including the President and Secretary, be appointed to consider the advisability of changing the time of meeting of Synod, and that the committee be authorized to take action in accordance with their best judgment.

8. *Resolved*, That the pastors of this Synod encourage their young men, who possess the requisite gifts, to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel.

9. *Resolved*, That we respectfully recommend that all the congregations of our Synod earnestly encourage all their members to commune regularly, and that all members who refuse to commune for one year, and who refuse to contribute anything to the support of the Church, unless having a justifiable excuse, shall be denied the right to vote in all congregational meetings, and their names shall be taken off the church roll as members in good standing, and they shall not be reported to Synod as communicants members.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. FRY,
F. C. VIERKE.

The Report of the Committee on Parochial Reports was read by the Secretary, in the absence of the chairman, and adopted by Synod. (See Appendix D.)

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your committee find that, for the present Synodical year, there has been an increase in this branch of our work, amounting to $432.21. This increase, however, is only apparent, as it includes a special gift, by one of our members, of $500.00 to the Western Theological Seminary; the reality remains that, whilst the communicant membership of our Synod has increased sixty-four, our beneficence has decreased $67.79.

Your committee believe that greater and more unselfish efforts on the part of our pastors are necessary to raise the full apportionment for all branches of our Synodical institutions.

1. We recommend that each pastor preach at least two strong sermons to their congregations, on systematic beneficence and Christian stewardship, during the Synodical year.

2. We further recommend that the apportionment for Synodical expenses for the coming year be eight cents per member.

3. We believe the time has come that our California Synod make some efforts to inaugurate missions in promising mission fields of its own territory, and we recommend that for this purpose an apportionment of ten cents per member be raised during the coming Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER, *Chairman.*

Considered *seriatim.*

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Constitution and Application of the Church at Redlands.

Your Committee on the Constitution and Application of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Redlands, Cal., have carefully examined the documents submitted, and beg to report that this congregation did, on the 21st day of April, adopt, without alteration, the constitution prescribed by the General Synod; and we further find that said congregation, pursuant to a resolution duly made, empowered its officers to apply for admittance to California Synod, which application is submitted in due form.

The committee recommend the admission of this church to the California Synod.

Respectfully submitted, E. NELANDER,
G. G. BURNETT.

Report adopted.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your delegates elected to represent this body at the late General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, which convened at Des Moines, Iowa, May 29th to June 6th, 1901, beg leave to report as follows:

Your delegates, who were all in attendance, were, from the first, impressed with the hearty, consecrated fellowship of this great Lutheran body. Earnest purpose for the practical interests of the kingdom was in the very air. While

the aggressive operations of the Church were chiefest among the affairs considered, and many a weighty and difficult question was passed upon, every session was characterized by a truly Christian spirit.

The settled doctrinal position of the General Synod was ably set forth in the Synodical sermon of the retiring President, Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, D. D., and has a sturdy representative in the new President, Rev. William S. Freas, D. D., of Baltimore, Md.

The reports of the various Boards of the Church were encouraging. Home Missions was given special recognition. It was admitted on all hands that a great opportunity was here and the Synod acted accordingly, not only by adopting wise measures, but also by the raising of $4445.00 on the floor of the Synod for this great work.

An evening was given to the commemoration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the appointment of Rev. Samuel B. Barnitz, D. D., as Western Secretary. The occasion was very impressive. May God spare to us for many years the beloved Western Secretary, whose labors have, under God, already brought such splendid results. To California Synod was accorded the honor of having two of its delegates selected as speakers, one at the biennial services of the Board of Home Missions, and one at the Twentieth Anniversary of Western Supervision.

One of the most significant events of the Synod in connection with the Foreign Mission business was the case of the Africa enterprise. A California Synod delegate was appointed on a committee to consider that question—probably the most profound business entrusted to a committee during the convention. The report as finally adopted authorizes the Board to take steps looking to the concluding of the Africa mission, if Providence so indicates. The Board has since found sufficient encouragement to justify a continuance of the Muhlenberg Mission.

As the Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., is in attendance, no reference need here be made to that important work, nor is it possible within the compass of a brief report to even refer to the various departments of Christian activity brought to the attention of the convention. Suffice it to say that all gave ample evidence of the advancement along all lines of our beloved Church.

Your delegation took much active part in all the deliberations. Its presentation of the work in California was given profound attention and consideration.

Your delegation finally thanks you for the honor of representing you in that great body, and beg respectfully to submit this report.

E. NELANDER,
CHARLES F. OEHLER,
G. G. BURNETT,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

As your Committee on Letters and Papers have no letters or papers worthy of mention, we have no report to submit.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was then presented, but the hour of special business arriving the report was laid over to give way to the Report of the Home Mission Committee.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Home Mission work is one of the most important agencies of the Church. This cause appeals not only to the Christian, but to the citizen, the business man, and to all who are interested in God, and home, and native land. This Synod, built up largely through Home Mission influence, appreciates at its full value this agency for good.

The work of the California missions presents on the whole, with some drawbacks, many encouraging features. Riverside, Rev. G. H. Hillerman, pastor, rejoices in its new and beautiful church building, costing, with lot, $5200.00, practically paid for. The benevolence of the mission is increasing; Sunday school and church attendance is growing; apportionment paid in full; and general conditions better than ever before in the history of the Church. The work at Redlands began encouragingly on the 12th of April, 1901. From sundry causes of an unavoidable nature a season of depression set in. Since the opening of the present year, the conditions have improved. The congregation now numbers thirty members; the Sunday school has an enrollment of twenty-nine. The pastor at Redlands, Rev. F. C. Vierke, is also working with good prospects at San Bernardino, preaching in English and German at both these important points; the entire Synod will pray that success may attend his labors.

Oakland paid $600.00 on its interest-bearing debt, added twenty-six to its membership, and is steadily gaining ground.

After an up-hill financial struggle of more than three years, San Diego has canceled its indebtedness of $4300.00, burned its mortgage, and, under more hopeful conditions than it ever before faced, looks for spiritual triumphs to at least equal its material advance.

Alameda more than holds its own, with increasing attendance in church and school, finances in fair condition, and a slight gain in membership.

St. Matthew's, German, San Francisco, Rev. Herman Gehrcke, pastor, is no longer a mission, having assumed the burden of self-support. Brother Gehrcke and his church are to be congratulated on the step taken. Brother Bredenbek writes: "San José is on the forward move. The people are

meeting their responsibilities in the spirit of peace and harmony, with increased zeal." So the work goes on; God is with us, and in a few years the present missions of the California Synod will become strong, self-supporting, and self-reliant churches.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM KELLY,
CHARLES F. OEHLER,
WILLIAM E. FRY.

Report adopted.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., then addressed the Synod on the work of Home Missions.

The address was full of encouragement in view of the marked progress seen by the Doctor in the churches of California Synod since his first visit to the coast, and in the Lutheran Church during the past twenty years.

At the conclusion of the address, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., led the Synod in prayer for the work of Home Missions and for God's special blessing on the Western Secretary.

By common consent of Synod, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of Church Extension, then presented the work of the Board with which he is connected, showing that the growth of work had been phenomenal since its organization.

On motion, the hour of adjournment was extended ten minutes, to allow time for the asking and answering of questions on the work of Church Extension.

On motion, it was resolved that the Synod adjourn, to meet again at 1.30 P. M.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer by Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1.30 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Moser, followed by roll call.

On motion of Mr. G. G. Burnett, the reading of the minutes was postponed until the close of the session.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

The committee report as follows:

The Sunday schools show a healthy growth all along the line. One school has been added, and the total increase of scholars is 147, a number almost equal to our best school. The financial record has been well maintained. Among young people, but few in numbers have been added, yet three new societies have been organized. The amount of money contributed falls below last year.

The outlook is encouraging, but we must work along definite lines. In the Sunday school, we recommend a higher standard by using the present-day methods, such as the Home Department, the Normal Class, the Cradle Roll, thus enlisting and interesting every member of the Church. To our school proper let us bring a Spirit-equipped corps of teachers, encouraging officers and pastors, in bringing the children to Christ.

With the young people, training in practical work is important. This can be done by organizing each church, and joining with the union of adjacent societies of that kind, for in numbers there is inspiration for young Christians. Around this central thought of training in the Master's service, we might suggest social and intellectual advantages, but let these be subservient. Interest in young people will be repaid many fold.

Respectfully submitted, H. W. DuMARS,
WILLIAM BETTEN.

Report adopted.

On motion, the election of officers and of delegates to General Synod was postponed until 2.15 o'clock, making it the special order of business for that hour.

Purchase of Luther's Works.

On motion of Rev. J. E. Hoick, it was

Resolved, That $100.00 in the Beneficiary Education Fund be devoted to the purchase of the twenty-four volumes of Luther's Works, owned by the Misses Wedekind; also that these volumes be loaned to the Western Theological Seminary at Atchison, Kan., until such time as a Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church shall be established in California, when such volumes will be returned to said seminary; also that a committee of three be appointed to have in charge the purchase and transfer of these books.

The consideration of the Report of the Auditing Committee was then resumed, and, after amendment, adopted as follows:

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee on Treasurer's Book report that the same is in the main well kept. We recommend that the excess and deficit columns in the Treasurer's Report be omitted.

Respectfully submitted, A. BREDENBEK,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

Report of Committee on Religious Services.

Your committee report the following appointments for Sunday :

CHRIST GERMAN CHURCH, ALAMEDA.

Morning—Revs. William E. Fry and F. C. Vierke.

Evening—Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Service, conducted by the Officers of the Convention. Addresses by Rev. Dr. S. B. Barnitz, Rev. Dr. H. L. Yarger, and Rev. C. F. Oehler.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN, SAN FRANCISCO.

Morning—Rev. Dr. W. S. Hoskinson.
Evening—Rev. H. J. Weaver.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN, OAKLAND.

Morning—Rev. Dr. H. L. Yarger.
Evening—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

ST. MATTHEW'S GERMAN CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO.

Morning—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

GRACE CHURCH, JAN JOSÉ.

Morning and Evening—Rev. George H. Hillerman.

Respectfully submitted, E. NELANDER,
W. BRANDES.

Report adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod submitted the following report :

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

1. On page 10 we find a recommendation that each pastor should at some appropriate time during the year speak to the young people of his congregation on the call to the ministry.

Has this been done?

2. On page 14, to advise our delegates to the General Synod to urge that proper measures be taken to improve the sanitary condition of Muhlenberg Mission.

Has this been done?

3. On page 22, Treasurer's Report, we found an error. Rev. Brandes (per Rev. Oehler), $2.00 for Foreign Missions ought to be credited to Rev. Branke. This error ought to be corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GEHRCKE,
E. NELANDER.

Considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Majority answered, "*No*."

Item 2. Yes.

Item 3. Secretary to make a note of the same.

Adopted as a whole.

Election of Officers of Synod.

The special order of the day, the election of officers, was then taken up.

The following were appointed tellers: Revs. W. E. Fry and F. C. Vierke, and Messrs. G. G. Burnett and H. W. DuMars.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. Hermann Gehrcke.

Secretary—Rev. George H. Hillerman.

On motion, it was resolved that nominations be in order for Treasurer of Synod. Carried.

P. S. Leisenring, M. D., being the only nominee, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Dr. Leisenring for Treasurer, which was done, and he was declared elected.

Delegates to the Forty-first General Synod.

CLERICAL.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Rev. William Kelly,	Rev. George H. Hillerman,
Rev. J. E. Hoick.	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

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Principals.	*Alternates.*
J. C. Walling,	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.,
G. G. Burnett.	William Betten.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Satisfactory excuses having been received from the following brethren, your committee recommend that they be excused: Revs. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D.; J. Schmierer, and V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D.; Messrs. H. A. Getz, J. F. Reimer, W. H. Dehm, Frederick Lothhammer, and Frederick Gerdes.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM BRANDES,
A. JATHO.

Report adopted.

Apportionments.

The Report of the Apportionment Committee was then received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

A bill of $2.00 for postage and stationery of the Secretary was allowed and ordered paid.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the janitor of the church $5.00 for services during Synod.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Secretary $10.00 for services during the past year.

An invitation was received from Sacramento English Lutheran Church to the Synod to meet in their church in 1903. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

The special order of business for the afternoon, the discussion of Article IV. of the Augsburg Confession, was then taken up, and an excellent paper thereon read by Rev. Hermann Gehrcke and discussed by various members of Synod.

The Report of the Committee on Excess and Deficit was read and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Transfer of Funds for Beneficiary Education.

On motion by Rev. C. F. Oehler, it was

Resolved, That the balance of the money in our treasury, formerly appropriated to Beneficiary Education, be put at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, to be used for the purpose of canvassing some of the promising mission fields in our State during the coming Synodical year.

The minutes of Synod were then read and approved.

Synod then adjourned, according to the forms prescribed by the Ministerial Acts of the General Synod, to meet April 29th, 1903,* in the First English Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Cal., Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., pastor.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

The services were conducted by Revs. William Kelly and Arthur Bredenbek.

Addresses were delivered on Orphans' Home, by Rev. J. E. Hoick, and on Foreign Missions, by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

* Date set by special committee after adjournment.

APPENDIX A.

Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1902-1903.

	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	Totals.
Rate	....	.03	.08	.28	.20	.20	.12	.07	.07	.05	.10	1.20
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	57	$1 71	$4 56	$15 96	$11 40	$11 40	$6 84	$3 99	$3 99	$2 85	$5 70	$68 40
Los Angeles, Rev. Weaver	250	7 50	20 00	70 00	50 00	50 00	30 00	17 50	17 50	12 50	25 00	300 00
Oakland, Rev. Kelly	114	3 42	9 12	31 92	22 80	22 80	13 68	7 98	7 98	5 70	11 40	136 80
Redlands, Rev. Vierke	30	90	2 40	8 40	6 00	6 00	3 60	2 10	2 10	1 50	3 00	36 00
Riverside, Rev. Hillerman	54	1 62	4 32	15 12	10 80	10 80	6 48	3 78	3 78	2 70	5 40	64 80
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	140	4 20	11 20	39 20	28 00	28 00	16 80	9 80	9 80	7 00	14 00	168 00
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	241	7 23	19 28	67 48	48 20	48 20	28 92	16 87	16 87	12 05	24 10	289 20
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	91	2 73	7 28	25 48	18 20	18 20	10 92	6 37	6 37	4 55	9 10	109 20
San Francisco, Rev. Nelander	251	7 53	20 08	70 28	50 20	50 20	30 12	17 57	17 57	12 55	25 10	301 20
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	55	1 65	4 40	15 40	11 00	11 00	6 60	3 85	3 85	2 75	5 50	66 00
San José, Rev. Bredenbek	106	3 18	8 48	29 68	21 20	21 20	12 72	7 42	7 42	5 30	10 60	127 20
Total	1389	$41 67	$111 12	$388 92	$277 80	$277 80	$166 68	$97 23	$97 23	$69 45	$138 90	$1666 80

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK, H. W. DuMARS, S. S. FOCHT.

APPENDIX B.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 12, 1901, to April 7, 1902.*

CONGREGATIONS.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	External Objects.	Home for the Aged.	Totals on Apportionment.
To Balance	.....	$43 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$43 43
Alameda	$2 60	4 00	$13 50	$11 90	$11 90	$8 55	$5 70	$3 00	$4 00	.....	$2 85	68 00
Los Angeles	9 90	15 40	51 58	45 84	45 84	33 00	22 00	11 00	15 40	$5 59	11 00	260 96
Oakland	3 96	6 16	25 79	19 00	25 00	10 20	8 80	8 50	6 16	.....	4 40	117 97
Riverside	2 15	3 35	11 27	10 00	10 00	7 05	4 75	2 40	3 35	.....	2 40	56 72
Sacramento (German)	10 08	15 68	53 10	51 66	46 66	38 00	22 40	11 20	15 68	535 00	11 20	275 66
Sacramento (English)	6 30	5 00	25 00	26 00	29 50	6 10	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	105 90
San Diego	4 05	6 30	21 10	18 75	18 75	13 50	9 00	4 50	6 30	.....	4 50	106 75
First, San Francisco (English)	.....	16 59	55 53	49 37	49 37	.....	16 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	187 78
San Francisco (German)	2 00	3 50	12 00	8 50	4 50	5 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	.....	50	40 50
San José	.....	.....	5 00	6 40	35 08	7 00	.....	8 75	.....	.....	.....	62 23
Rev. S. C. Renzah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Garrett Note	.....	149 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149 65
Amount received	$41 04	$269 06	$273 87	$247 42	$276 60	$128 40	$96 07	$50 85	$55 39	$545 59	$36 85	$1475 55
Amount remitted	41 04	86 99	273 87	247 42	276 60	128 40	96 07	50 85	55 39	545 59	36 85	1293 48
Difference	.....	$182 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$182 07

The Lutheran Publication Society, for printing Minutes and postage	$63 74
Rev. Hillerman, Secretary, and postage	11 75
Rev. Hoick, postage	50
Janitor at Los Angeles	5 00
Treasurer's expenses, exchange, etc.	6 00
Total	$86 99

Synodical Treasurer and note	$269 06
Expenses and note	236 64
Cash on hand April 7th, 1902	$32 42

Respectfully submitted, P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*

NOTE.—$2.00 credited under Foreign Missions last year to Rev. Brandes, should read to Rev. Branke.—SECRETARY.

APPENDIX C.—Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.			Board of Education.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$2 60	$0 04	.....	$4 00	$0 01	.....	$13 50	$0 14	.....	$11 00	$0 02	.....	$11 00	$0 02	.....	$8 55	.....	.....
Los Angeles	9 90	.....	.....	15 40	.....	.....	51 58	.....	.....	45 84	.....	.....	45 84	.....	.....	33 00	.....	.....
Oakland	3 06	.....	.....	6 16	.....	.....	25 79	5 17	.....	10 00	67	.....	25 00	6 67	.....	10 20	.....	$3 00
Riverside	2 15	03	.....	3 35	06	.....	11 27	25	.....	10 00	21	.....	10 00	21	.....	7 05	.....	.....
Sacramento (English)	6 30	.....	.....	5 00	.....	$4 80	25 00	.....	$7 81	26 00	.....	$3 17	29 50	33	.....	6 10	.....	14 00
Sacramento (German)	10 08	.....	.....	15 68	.....	.....	53 10	60	.....	51 66	1 00	.....	46 66	.....	.....	38 00	$4 40	.....
San Diego	4 05	.....	.....	6 30	.....	.....	21 10	.....	.....	18 75	.....	.....	18 75	.....	.....	13 50	.....	.....
San Francisco (English)	.....	.....	$10 66	16 59	.....	.....	55 53	.....	.....	49 37	.....	.....	49 37	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 55
San Francisco (German)	2 00	.....	12	3 50	21	.....	12 00	98	.....	8 50	.....	1 29	4 50	.....	$5 29	5 00	.....	2 05
San José	.....	.....	7 87	.....	.....	12 25	5 00	.....	36 02	6 40	.....	30 06	35 08	.....	1 38	7 00	.....	10 25
Net Totals	$41 04	.....	$18 58	$75 98	.....	$16 77	$273 87	.....	$36 69	$250 92	.....	$31 96	$276 60	$0 56	.....	$128 40	.....	$70 35

	Pastors' Fund.			Orphans' Home.			Deaconess Board.			Home for the Aged.			Grand Total.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$5 70	.....	.....	$3 00	$0 15	.....	$4 00	$0 01	.....	$2 85	.....	.....	$68 00	$0 39	.....
Los Angeles	22 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	15 40	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	260 96	.....	.....
Oakland	8 80	.....	.....	8 50	4 10	.....	6 16	.....	.....	4 40	.....	.....	117 97	13 61	.....
Riverside	4 75	$0 05	.....	2 40	05	.....	3 35	06	.....	2 40	$0 05	.....	56 72	97	.....
Sacramento (English)	5 00	.....	$9 00	.....	.....	$7 00	3 00	.....	$6 80	.....	.....	$7 00	109 40	.....	$56 05
Sacramento (German)	22 40	.....	.....	11 20	.....	.....	15 68	.....	.....	11 20	.....	.....	275 66	10 10	.....
San Diego	9 00	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	6 30	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	106 75	.....	.....
San Francisco (English)	16 92	.....	6 78	.....	.....	11 85	.....	.....	16 59	.....	.....	11 85	187 78	.....	93 28
San Francisco (German)	1 50	.....	3 20	1 50	.....	85	1 50	.....	1 79	50	.....	1 85	40 50	.....	15 25
San José	.....	.....	17 50	8 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 25	.....	.....	8 75	62 23	.....	145 33
Net Totals	$96 07	.....	$36 43	$50 85	.....	$15 30	$59 39	.....	$37 36	$36 85	.....	$29 40	$1285 97	.....	$285 44

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,

H. GEHRCKE.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Baptized but Unconfirmed Membership.	Total Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Alameda, Rev. William Brandes, 753 Railroad Ave.	Christ German Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	..	..	19	1	....	1	6	....	2	....	..	57	....	57	$2600 00	$1275 00	$693 00	1
Los Angeles, Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, 831 South Hope St.	First English Lutheran	1	..	3	..	20	2	4	13	12	3	27	13	6	250	46	296	25000 00	5115 00	2171 86	2
Oakland, Rev. William Kelly, 568 Twelfth St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	1	14	1	....	....	9	6	11	4	6	114	....	114	22000 00	7050 00	1605 37	3
Redlands, Rev. F. C. Vierke, 938 Orange St.	First Evan. Lutheran	1	1	..	..	2	....	7	....	12	....	33	4	..	30	19	49	.....	.....	210 48	4
Riverside, Rev. George H. Hillerman, 995 Locust St.	Trinity Ev. Lutheran	1	..	2	*1	13	....	4	....	6	1	3	5	2	54	31	85	5200 00	....	2161 18	5
Sacramento, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., 1415 Eighteenth St.	First English Lutheran	1	1	1	..	15	5	1	13	12	7	6	1	5	140	155	295	18000 00	2000 00	1386 82	6
Sacramento, Rev. Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St.	German Lutheran	1	..	1	.	18	4	....	12	29	....	31	....	2	241	81	322	20000 00	200 00	3143 27	7
San Diego, Rev. J. E. Hoick, 1406 Third St.	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	12	....	6	6	9	3	6	4	..	91	32	123	15000 00	2300 00	2418 45	8
San Francisco, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., 1319 Geary St	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	1	29	4	5	31	52	3	29	22	..	251	66	317	55000 00	9700 00	3753 16	9
San Francisco, Rev. Herman Gehrcke, 741 Golden Gate Ave.	St. Matthew's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	10	....	....	2	32	....	10	....	..	55	....	55	3000 00	.....	2357 25	10
San José, Rev. A. Bredenbek, 558 North Fourth St.	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	14	....	1	81	2	....	2	3	8	106	76	182	15000 00	1100 00	572 62	11
Totals for 1902		11	3	14	2	166	17	28	159	181	23	160	56	29	1389	506	1895	$180800 00	$28740 00	$20473 46	12
Totals for 1901		10	3	12	1	135	21	24	103	190	7	103	57	9	1325	....	....	177300 00	33272 50	17866 69	13
Gain		1	..	2	1	31	....	4	56	....	16	57	....	20	64	....	....	$3500 00	.....	$2606 77	14
Loss							4	....	....	9	....	....	1	..	....	....	....	.....	$4532 50	.....	15

* Membership transferred to Oakland during year.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	7	70	$35 40	$15 05	.....	.....	.....	$2 60	$4 00	$13 50	$11 90	$11 90	$8 55	.....	$21 45	$5 70	$3 00	$4 00	$2 85	$3 45	$92 90	$785 90
2	1	22	150	112 67	66 42	40	$4 00	$4 00	9 90	15 40	51 58	45 84	45 84	33 00	.....	145 25	22 00	11 00	15 40	11 00	79 24	485 45	2657 31
3	1	15	190	200 00	50 00	45	60 00	15 00	3 96	6 16	25 79	19 00	25 00	10 20	.....	37 01	8 80	10 00	6 16	4 40	20 00	176 48	1781 85
4	1	3	25	4 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	210 48
5	1	16	90	96 33	24 20	32	50	10 00	2 15	3 35	16 27	15 00	10 00	7 20	.....	33 60	4 75	2 40	3 35	2 40	14 25	114 72	2275 90
6	1	14	180	150 92	20 00	42	15 00	14 30	6 30	5 00	33 00	29 50	29 50	6 10	.....	20 70	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	30 00	168 10	1554 92
7	1	16	215	232 03	59 41	62	90 00	15 00	10 08	15 68	53 10	51 66	46 66	38 00	.....	170 07	22 40	11 20	15 68	11 20	594 00	1039 73	4183 00
8	1	18	124	78 14	72 32	38	7 70	12 00	4 05	6 30	21 10	18 75	18 75	13 50	.....	38 07	9 00	4 50	6 30	4 50	18 80	163 62	2582 07
9	2	23	211	268 00	43 30	36	27 50	6 15	.....	16 59	55 53	49 37	49 37	.....	.....	74 73	16 92	.....	.....	.....	150 00	412 51	4165 67
10	1	14	90	120 25	.....	15	16 50	2 00	2 00	3 50	12 00	8 50	4 50	3 00	$2 00	78 40	1 50	1 50	1 50	50	10 00	128 90	2486 15
11	1	9	84	85 00	15 56	15	2 00	.....	.....	.....	13 55	6 42	35 08	6 46	.....	30 25	.....	8 75	.....	.....	5 00	105 51	678 13
12	12	157	1429	1383 56	366 26	325	223 20	78 45	41 04	75 98	295 42	255 94	276 60	126 01	2 00	649 53	96 07	52 35	55 39	26 85	924 74	2887 92	23361 38
13	11	149	1282	1339 30	347 28	307	448 23	85 50	58 50	86 81	352 50	238 84	259 99	141 25	.....	675 41	96 50	62 45	59 46	47 30	396 50	2455 51	20647 02
14	1	8	147	$44 26	$18 98	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$17 10	$16 61	.....	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$528 24	$432 41	$2714 36
15	..	..	..	..	..	..	$225 03	$7 05	$17 46	$10 83	$57 08	.....	.....	$15 24	.....	$25 88	$0 43	$10 10	$4 07	$10 45	.....	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted, J. W. FRICKE, *Chairman.*

OFFICERS, 1902-1903.

PRESIDENT.

MRS. WILLIAM KELLY, 568 Twelfth Street, Oakland, Cal.

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MRS. EMMA HOEH, Los Angeles, Cal.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1902, 2 P. M.

According to announcement, the delegates and visitors to the Eleventh Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod assembled at 2 P. M., April 9th, 1902, in the home of Rev. William Brandes, pastor of Christ's Church, Alameda, Cal.

The half-hour devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. Everding.

After a short recess, the President, Mrs. Kelly, took the chair. After the singing of the doxology, the eighty-fifth Psalm was read by Miss Folcke, and a prayer for consecration was offered by Miss Kate Stuber.

Credentials were received, and the following Synodical officers and Auxiliary delegates were enrolled:

San Francisco, English—Mrs. J. Everding, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Meyers (*a. e.*), Mrs. G. G. Burnett, and Mrs. King.

San Francisco, German—Miss M. A. Folcke.

Oakland—Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. W. E. Fry, and Mrs. G. W. Flick.

Alameda—Mrs. Van Tagen, Mrs. E. Jungbluth, and Mrs. H. Hacke.

Sacramento, German—Mrs. C. F. Oehler (*a. e.*), Miss Kate Stuber, Mrs. G. Grunewald, Mrs. W. Walther, and Mrs. J. Ochsner.

Sacramento, English—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Mrs. J. D. Bennett (*a. e.*), and Mrs. George Rentschler (*a. e.*).

San Jose—Mrs. H. T. Rawlings and Mrs. Walter Gregg.

Los Angeles—Mrs. S. B. Barnitz, Miss Ruth Yerger (*a. e.*), Miss Emma Hoeh (*a. e.*), and Mrs. W. H. Stewart (*a. e.*).

Riverside—Mrs. A. Crawford (*a. e.*).

San Diego—Mrs. J. E. Hoick (*a. e.*).

The President declared the Convention duly organized and ready for work.

The Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. E. L. Jungbluth, and, in the absence of Mrs. Mauch, the response was by Mrs. Kelly.

The President then read her annual report.

President's Report.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod, greeting:

Dear Friends: This is the eleventh Convention of our Society, and the tenth annual report presented. What changes have taken place since the first meeting of this Society was held, eleven years ago; the first feeble slip from the great tree of the Lutheran Church was being transplanted from the East to the Golden State; the shoot was planted with anxious care, watered with tears and prayers; it was faithfully nurtured; the slip took root, it began to develop, and, in a few years, bids fair to become itself a stately tree. Then

we were a handful, now the membership of our churches runs into the thousand. Then we were glad to meet in private dwellings or rented halls; now we have beautiful and stately churches in nearly all the larger cities of this splendid Commonwealth. Then there were few hands to labor, now the number of toilers is being augmented. The little one is becoming a thousand, the small one is developing into a strong spiritual nation, and to-day, with gratitude to God for the success of the work of the Lutheran Church of our local branches and Synodical Society, we may repeat the words addressed to the Psalmist of Israel, "I the Lord have done it."

The following is a record of my official acts:

On August 23d, I received a letter from Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer, urging me to send copies of Mrs. Krechting's letter to the various Societies, to send out the "Win-One" cards, and to urge a larger distribution of mission literature. All this was done.

On September 18th, I received a letter from Mrs. James, of Baltimore, along the line of thought previously covered in the letter of Mrs. Shaffer. Copies of this letter were sent to each Society.

In November, I sent letters of thanksgiving to each Synodical Society, as well as reports of the India Mission work. I also attended three of the four Union Missionary Meetings of the Bay Cities, and wrote letters to various individuals and Societies, concerning certain phases of our work.

It affords me great pleasure to call your attention to the fact that a liberal-hearted gentleman in Philadelphia has pledged one thousand dollars per annum toward the support of Dr. A. Pohlmann, our missionary in Africa; but, on the other hand, I regret to call your attention to the depleted condition of the Foreign Mission treasury; you have doubtless heard that at one time the conditions were so serious that it was feared the Hospital at Guntur would have to be closed. This misfortune has happily been averted; but, if we would not have it again occur, the Societies of the various churches must contribute more liberally toward the prosecution of the work.

And now my official term has again expired; for two years I have served you as President; in that time I have doubtless made mistakes, and in some instances perhaps failed to perform my duty; but I have endeavored to do the best I could for the success of the cause in which we are interested. And you, the members of the various Societies, have stood loyally by me in the prosecution of the work. Praying that God may bless and prosper the cause of Home and Foreign Missions, I am respectfully yours,

MRS. WILLIAM KELLY, *President.*

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Kate Stuber, read her report, and it was accepted.

The Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, was given as follows:

Report of W. H. & F. M. Society of California Synod for Year Ending March 31st, 1902.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30th, 1901.		Quarter Ending Sept. 30th, 1901.	Quarter Ending December 31st, 1901.		Quarter Ending March 31st, 1902.				Total.
	General Fund.	Riverside Mission.	General Fund.	General Fund.	Thank-Offering.	General Fund.	Bed in India.	Jersey City Heights Mission.	Synodical Fund.	
Balance									$31 71	$31 71
Alameda			$9 60			$9 60			2 25	21 45
Los Angeles			*8 20	$8 15	$25 26	†8 75			2 00	52 36
Oakland	$3 80	$0 50	2 40	3 35	4 08	‡6 25		$5 00	4 25	29 63
Riverside	3 45		2 45	4 00	5 00	6 45	$5 00	2 50	4 75	33 60
Sacramento (English)	3 50		3 25	3 00	2 50	3 20	5 00		2 50	22 95
Sacramento (German)	16 20		16 20	16 20	11 00	16 20	5 50	5 00	5 25	91 55
San Diego	1 70		1 60	1 70	7 50	2 50	5 50		1 50	22 00
San Francisco (English)	3 15		2 80	3 30	2 40	11 70			5 00	28 35
San Francisco (German)						48 50	5 50		4 70	58 70
San José	2 00		2 00	2 00	2 25	2 00	5 00		5 75	21 00
Amount Received	$33 80	$0 50	$48 50	$41 70	$59 99	$115 15	$31 50	$12 50	$69 66	$413 30
Amount Remitted	33 80	50	48 50	41 70	59 99	115 15	31 50	12 50		343 64
Amount in Treasury									$69 66	$69 66

Expenditures.

President's Traveling Expenses	$17 50
Printing Programme	3 00
Historian's Expenses	2 00
Corresponding Secretary's Expenses	1 50
Literature Committee's Expenses	2 85
To Riverside Mission	20 00
Total	$46 85

Amount in Treasury	$69 66
Collection during Convention	3 26
Sunday Evening Offering for Riverside	20 02
Total	$92 94
Less Expenditures	46 85
	$46 09
Less Treasurer's Expenses for the Year	1 75

The Literature Committee sent a written statement, showing that their work had been faithfully performed.

Historian's Report.

Mrs. J. Everding read the Report of the Historian, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

Reports from Societies.

OAKLAND AUXILIARY.

The meetings of this Auxiliary have been regularly held, with growing interest. Two Missionary Conferences have been held during the year, with interesting addresses given by returned missionaries. These meetings were very helpful to the Society. Number of members, 21; also 5 in the Cradle Roll. *Journals* taken, 6; *Mission Studies*, 2. A number of Church papers are taken. Amount of funds raised for all purposes, $44.62.

MRS. WALLING, *President.*

LOS ANGELES.

The general condition of our Society is excellent. The meetings are interesting and growing spiritually. Membership, 34. *Journals*, 12. Quite a number of papers are taken, as this matter has been in the hands of a young man, who has given it full attention. Amount of funds collected: Dues, etc., $58.23; Africa Mission, $6.00; thank-offering, $25.26; support of a boy in India, $25.00. Total, $114.49.

MISS R. HICKETHIER, *Secretary.*

SAN FRANCISCO.

The state of this Society the past year has been encouraging. The President and officers have been faithful and active in their work, striving to interest the members in all literature of the Church-at-large. Number of members, 23. *Journals* taken, 15; *Mission Studies*, 1. Several Church papers taken. Amount of funds raised during the year, $30.14; Synodical fee, $5.00. Total, $35.14.

MRS. SCHLEUTER, *Secretary.*

SAN JOSÉ.

This Society reports better progress the past year than for some time previously. Number of members, 23. *Journals* taken, 14. Amount of funds raised during the year, $30.25, including Synodical fee of $5.75; Riverside Mission, $5.00; thank-offering, $2.25; and other donations of $4.25; also, a bed for the India Hospital, $5.00.

MRS. RAWLINS, *President.*

RIVERSIDE.

State of the Society, fairly good. Number of members, 26. Amount of funds raised for missionary purposes, $33.60. Number of papers taken, 35; *Children's Missionary Journals*, 13. The new church has been finished and dedicated. The members of it worked most faithfully, with their pastor, in furnishing their building.

MRS. GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

SACRAMENTO, GERMAN LUTHERAN.

Rev. C. F. Oehler, Pastor.

This Society is prosperous. It has lost, by death, three of its most active members during the past year, who have gone to their reward above. The remaining members are faithful to their church and pastor. Number of members, 63. Meetings held, 12, with a good average attendance. *Journals* taken, 27. Several Church papers taken. An India orphan has been adopted by this Auxiliary. Amount of funds raised by it during the year, $185.31.

MISS KATE STUBER, *Secretary.*

ALAMEDA, GERMAN.

Rev. W. Brandes, Pastor.

This Auxiliary is prosperous, and much interest is taken by its members. Number of members, 34. Money sent to the General Fund, $19.20; Synodical fee, $2.00; Literature, 25 cents. Total, $21.45.

MRS. LYDIA BRANDES, *President.*

ST. MATTHEW'S, GERMAN LUTHERAN.

Rev. H. Gehrcke, Pastor.

Our Society is in a good state. Officers and members take an active part in the work. Members, 53, active; 12 honorary. Total, 67 members. Meetings held, 12, with a good average attendance. *Journals* taken, 3. Amount of funds raised, $78.40.

MISS B. KUNES, *Secretary.*

SAN DIEGO.

As our church is a mission, we have accomplished wonderfully satisfactory results, greatly through the tireless efforts of our beloved pastor and his good wife, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hoick. We expect renewed activity in all lines of church work, as our interest-bearing debt is now removed. Number of members, 17. *Journals* taken, 14; *Mission Studies*, 2. Amount of funds raised by the Society, $22.50. The mortgage upon the church was paid this year.

MRS. F. P. DAVIDSON, *President.*

SACRAMENTO, ENGLISH LUTHERAN.

Our Society has taken the extra burden of self-support this year, and that makes it harder to collect much money for missionary purposes. Our Christian Endeavor Society contributed $8.00 to the Cleveland Mission this year. We find it in our hearts to do much more if it were possible. Number of members, 18, active; 2 honorary. Total, 20. *Journals* taken, 8; *Mission Studies*, 2. Amount of funds raised for all purposes, beside the contribution to the Cleveland Mission, $22.95.

MRS. W. C. HOSKINSON.

Total number of Societies, 10.
Total amount of funds, $588.71.

MRS. SUSAN E. BITTLE-MYERS, *Historian.*

Auxiliary delegates spoke encouragingly of the past work of their Societies, and all were hopeful for the future.

The President made the following appointments:

Treasurer, pro tem.—Mrs. H. Hacke.

Committees.

Auditing—Mrs. Grunewald, Mrs. Brandes.

President's Address—Mrs. Hoskinson, Mrs. Gregg.

Excuses—Mrs. J. Ochsner, Mrs. Van Tagen.

Letters, Greetings, Papers—Miss Stuber, Mrs. Grunewald.

Literature Committee's Report—Mrs. Jungbluth, Mrs. Fry.

Resolutions—Mrs. Fry, Miss Stuber, Miss Folcke, Mrs. Hoskinson.

Historian's Report—Mrs. Everding, Mrs. Mauch.

Reporters for Press.

City Papers and Lutheran Observer—Miss Stuber.

Lutheran World—Mrs. Burnett.

Missionary Journal—Mrs. Hoskinson.

Lutheran Evangelist—Miss Folcke.

Kirchenfreund—Mrs. William Brandes.

Committee to Take Charge of India Needle Work—Mrs. George W. Flick.

Pages—Miss J. Burnett, Mrs. Walther.

On motion of Mrs. Grunewald, a nominating committee was dispensed with and a general ballot decided upon.

The Convention was visited by a number of the clerical delegates to Synod, and interesting addresses were made by Rev. C. F. Oehler, Rev. Viercke, Rev. W. E. Fry, and Rev. William Kelly.

The President appointed Mrs. Everding to carry the greetings of the Convention to Dr. and Mrs. Barnitz, and asked the Secretary to notify the latter of the Convention's acceptance of her appointment as delegate from the Los Angeles Auxiliary.

After a hymn and a number of short prayers, the Society adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 9.30 A. M.

The session opened with a twenty-minute devotional service conducted by Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson. After a short recess a hymn was sung, the Scripture (Rom. x. 13-17) was read by Mrs. Ansel, and a prayer for missions was offered by Mrs. Grunewald.

The roll was called and the minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The reports of the various convention committees were as follows:

Report of Auditing Committee.

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and find the vouchers correct, but the General Treasurer's receipts show an excess of $5.00 each for India and Riverside Mission.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. WILLIAM BRANDES,
MRS. G. GRUNEWALD.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

We recommend this paper for its hopeful and encouraging words, and the President for the faithful and conscientious discharge of all the duties of her office. We concur with her views on foreign missions, and rejoice in the gift that enables the Board to continue its work in our Africa field.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
MRS. W. GREGG.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

We recommend that all absent delegates be excused.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. OCHSNER,
MRS. VAN TAGEN.

Report of Committee on Letters, Greetings, and Papers.

A letter of greeting from the Historian was read and duly appreciated.

Mrs. Hoskinson's paper on "What Owest Thou My Lord?" was very instructive and much appreciated.

Mrs. G. G. Burnett's paper on "What Ought to Be the Principal Work of a Mission Society?" was full of helpful suggestions.

A paper by Mrs. W. E. Fry contained much information for the instruction of the children in mission work.

Respectfully submitted, MISS KATE STUBER,
MRS. G. GRUNEWALD.

Report on Literature Committee's Report.

We find that this committee has circulated 158 monthly tracts and 260 thank-offering envelopes.

The following Societies have contributed toward monthly tracts: San José, Oakland, St. Matthew's, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

We recommend a deeper interest in missionary literature.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. E. JUNGBLUTH,
MRS. W. E. FRY.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we are grateful to our heavenly Father for the many blessings received during the past year, and that we thank Him for His goodness and mercy.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our gratification over the work done in our new fields of Redlands and San Bernardino, and urge the formation of missionary societies as soon as possible.

3. *Resolved*, That we urge deeper interest in our Auxiliaries in raising funds for special objects.

4. *Resolved*, That it is with regret we learn of the ill-health of our esteemed Western Secretary, Dr. S. B. Barnitz; that we pray for him God's favor and a complete restoration to health.

5. *Resolved*, That the necessity for the absence of our Historian, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, and other Synodical officers, be noted with regret.

6. *Resolved*, That a letter be sent to Mrs. A. V. Hamma expressing the sympathy of this convention in her serious illness.

7. *Resolved*, That a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Fred. Meckfessel and family expressing our sorrow over the loss of the dear wife and mother, who was also our beloved co-worker and sister in Christ.

8. *Resolved*, That we extend our thanks to the local papers for their reports of these meetings.

9. *Resolved*, That we thank the members and friends of the Alameda Church for their kindness and hospitality, and especially the pastor and his wife for the use of their home for the meeting of our convention; that we ask God's blessing upon their home and people.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. FRY,
MISS KATE STUBER,
MISS H. FOLCKE,
MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON.

Report of Committee on Historian's Report.

We find the Historian's Report complete in every way, and duly appreciate the labors of one who has toiled forty-four years in the work of the Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. EVERDING,
MISS K. STUBER.

Mrs. Grunewald gave an account of the work of the Christian Endeavor Society of the German Church of Sacramento.

Mrs. Kelly, of the Oakland Church, told of the organization of their Cradle Roll, and reported five members.

The work of the Junior Society of the Sacramento German Church was reported by Miss Stuber.

Mrs. O. O. Roe, State President of Iowa, brought greetings from that State and spoke of the work there.

On motion, the greetings of the Eleventh Convention of California were extended to the Iowa Society throught their President.

After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Hoskinson read a paper on "What Owest Thou My Lord?"

This was followed by a discussion upon "Our Future Work," led by Miss Stuber. Under this head many members discussed our Africa work, deaconess work, the importance of organizing mission bands, the holding of conference meetings in the different districts, the Synodical fund, educating the young men of California for the ministry, etc.

The President stated that the Executive Committee asked a

special offering of $10,000.00 for this biennium, and suggested a plan for raising our share of this sum. She also expressed regret that the Society is $57.00 short of last year's total for missions.

Mrs. Barnitz, of Iowa, gave a few words of cordial greeting.

An offering was taken, a hymn sung, and Mrs. Nelander closed the session with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1902.

The devotional service was led by Miss Folcke. Scripture and prayer by Mrs. King.

After roll call and reading of minutes, Dr. Yarger addressed the Convention on Church Extension.

Dr. Barnitz followed with an address upon our California missions and box-work.

Under new business the following bills were presented and paid:

To Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Treasurer	$1 75
To R. S. Kitchener & Co., printers	3 90
To Mrs. Kelly, President	1 65
To Miss K. Stuber, Corresponding Secretary	4 00
To Wells-Fargo Express Company	60
To Literature Committee	1 53
To Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Historian	1 00

As an expression of good-will and appreciation, a table-cover, embroidered at the Industrial School of our Guntur Mission, was presented by members of the Society to Mrs. William Brandes.

"What Ought to Be the Principal Work of a Mission Society?" was the subject of a most excellent paper by Mrs. G. G. Burnett.

Mrs. W. E. Fry read a paper on "Our Responsibility to the Children."

Election of officers being in order, the President appointed as tellers Miss J. P. Burnett and Mrs. Walther ; as clerks, Mrs. G. G. Burnett and Mrs. King.

Mrs. William Kelly was elected delegate to the General Convention to be held in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1903, with Mrs. G. G. Burnett as alternate.

The invitation of Mrs. Hoskinson to meet in Sacramento next year was accepted.

An offering was taken, and Dr. Nelander adjourned the convention with prayer.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1903.

The following programme was carried out :

Hymn.
Scripture, Rev. William Brandes.
Prayer.
Hymn.
Address, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.
Solo, Mrs. Lercher.
Address, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.
Address, Rev. C. F. Oehler.
Offertory.
Hymn.
Prayer, Rev. Hermann Gehrcke.
Benediction, President of Synod.

MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
Recording Secretary.

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Number.	Place of Meeting.	Date.	Officers.		
			President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D.	Mr. John Everding.
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding.
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding.
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Hermann Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

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EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

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STATE OF THE CHURCH.

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FREDERICK MECKFESSEL.

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Rev. WILLIAM KELLY. Rev. E. NELANDER, Ph. D.
Rev. C. F. OEHLER. Rev. H. J. WEAVER.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Riverside, Cal.
Time—April 20, 1904.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

Wednesday Evening.

SYNODICAL SERMON (BY THE PRESIDENT).

HOLY COMMUNION.

Thursday Evening.

MARTIN LUTHER, THE HERO OF PROTESTANTISM.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
REV. W. E. CROUSER.	REV. WILLIAM KELLY.

Friday Afternoon.

DOCTRINAL—ARTICLE VI., AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

REV. P. W. H. FREDERICK.	REV. F. C. VIERKE.

PRACTICAL—CHURCH BENEVOLENCE.

REV. H. J. WEAVER.	REV. C. F. OEHLER.

Friday Evening.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, THE SAVIOR OF PROTESTANTISM.

REV. E. NELANDER, PH. D.	REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1903, 8 P. M.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of California Synod assembled in the First English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, Cal., Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., pastor.

The liturgical service was in charge of the pastor *loci*, assisted by the President and Secretary of Synod. The Synodical sermon was delivered by the President, Rev. Hermann Gehrcke, from John xxi. 15-17, upon the theme, "The Examination Question, 'Lovest Thou Me?'"

Synodical Communion followed.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1903, 9 A. M.

Synod was regularly opened with devotional service by the President.

After the reception of lay delegates, the following composed the

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Residence.	Lay.
1836	S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D. *a. e.*	San Diego	No charge.
1876	William Kelly	Oakland	Charles Colemore, *a. e.*
1877	J. S. Moser, *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	No charge.
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D.	Sacramento	Frank Meckfessel.
1881	J. Schmierer, *a. e.*	Monrovia	No charge.
1885	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	Arroyo Grande	No charge.
1887	A. Jatho	Oakland	No delegate.
1888	Charles F. Oehler	Sacramento	Frederick Meckfessel.
1889	William Brandes	Alameda	William Bettin, *a. e.*
1889	E. Nelander, Ph. D.	San Francisco	J. W. Fricke.
1891	Prof. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D., *a. e.*	Hutchinson, Minn.	No charge.
1892	Hermann Gehrcke	San Francisco	Hans Schulz.
1894	H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	William Bosbyshell.
1894	J. E. Hoick	San Diego	H. C. Hensley, *a. e.*
1896	G. H. Hillerman	Riverside	J. B. Conrad, *a. e.*
1896	F. C. Vierke, *a. e.*	Redlands	A. Cornelius, *a. e.*
1898	W. E. Crouser *	San José	No delegate.
1898	A. C. Delbo †	Santa Barbara	No delegate.

a. e. Absent and excused.
* Received from New York and New Jersey Synod.
† Received from Moravian Church.

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren: The record of another Synodical year comes to a close, and, under the kind providence of God, we are permitted to come together once again in our Synodical Convention.

By the guiding hand of our heavenly Father we have been led safely through all the experiences of the past year, and are now come to the thirteenth milestone of our Synodical pilgrimage.

After another year of service for our loving Master, we have come to tell Him what—as the ministers of Christ and the stewards of the mysteries of God—we have done.

As we are now permitted to greet each other face to face in this Annual Convention of our Synod, may the report of our stewardship be such as will meet the approval of Him in whose presence we now are.

Brethren, the past year has not been without its toils and trials and discouragements, nor has it been without its joys and victories, and our hearts go out in thanksgiving to the Father, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

In the year 1893 we were assembled in this church, which has since been handsomely completed, and now, after a period of ten years, we return to review our work; and since that time seven new missions have been founded, three of them in the past Synodical year. New, handsome, and well-appointed churches are built and solemnly dedicated to the worship of God; others have been re-modeled and improved, many missions having assumed the burden of self-support, many congregations having redeemed their mortgages. Indeed, the work has never been stronger, nor the outlook for our beloved California Synod more encouraging.

In view of all the work which has been accomplished, we have reason to say:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

It is my pleasure, as well as my duty, now to submit to you, according to the annual custom, a summary of all my official acts during the Synodical year.

DISMISSALS.

September 1st, 1902, Rev. W. E. Fry informed me that he had accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces, N. M. He requested a letter of dismission to the Rio Grande Presbytery of the Synod of Arizona and New Mexico, which was granted him.

In a letter, dated February 24th, 1903, Rev. Arthur Bredenbek requested that a letter of dismission be granted him to the East Pennsylvania Synod. The request has been granted.

ADMISSIONS.

May 25th, 1902, Rev. A. C. Delbo, of the Moravian Church of Banning, Cal., sent me an application, desiring to take up the work of the ministry in the California Synod. His application and papers were referred to the Examining Committee.

September 16th, 1902, I received a letter from Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., Chairman of the Examining Committee, saying that Rev. A. C. Delbo has given satisfaction, and that he has been recommended to the Woman's Board for the mission in Santa Barbara. His name was enrolled as a member of our Synod.

On December 11th, 1902, Rev. Charles F. Oehler sent me a letter of dismissal of Rev. W. E. Crouser from the Synod of New York and New Jersey, and his name was enrolled as a member of this Synod.

NEW MISSIONS.

May 23d, 1902, by the authority of the Local Home Mission Committee, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., was elected to canvass Santa Barbara. The outlook

was favorable, and I immediately recommended the field to the General Home Mission Board and to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Board. Under the date of November 10th, 1902, Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer, Secretary of the Woman's Executive Committee, informed me that the Board has decided to assume Santa Barbara as a Woman's Mission, with an appropriation of $600.00 per year, and Rev. A. C. Delbo was chosen as pastor.

In September, 1902, I was in communication with Rev. G. R. Pund, of Reno, Nev., concerning a mission in that territory, but the outlook was not favorable.

January 5th, 1903, Rev. G. H. Hillerman informed me that Dr. Yarger wished a canvass to be made at Chino, a sugar factory town, where there are twenty-five or thirty German families. Brother F. C. Vierke was authorized to canvass the field, but found no opening for a church.

About the end of November, 1902, a German Mission was started by me in the northern part of San Francisco. I preached there three months every Sunday afternoon. I found the field very promising, and, therefore, I recommended it to the Board of Home Missions and to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society for assistance of $30.00 per month. Rev. Adolph Jatho has been chosen as pastor by that congregation.

March 17th, 1903, I received a letter from Rev. H. J. Weaver calling my attention to the fact that Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, of Chicago Lutheran Seminary, had, on his own account, made a canvass of Pasadena, Cal., with good result. I communicated with him, and he informed me that he is willing to transfer his membership to our California Synod and to inaugurate an English Lutheran Church of California Synod, if the Home Mission Board will commission him as missionary, with an appropriation of $35.00 per month. I submitted this request to the General Board.

April 13th, 1903, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer informed me that my requests concerning the missions at San Francisco and at Pasadena were presented to the Executive Committee, and that they will undertake the support of the work at both missions. Mrs. K. B. Shaffer likewise wrote me that an appeal will also be made for $2,000.00 for church buildings at Redlands.

April 16th, 1903, Dr. Hartman, General Secretary, informed me that the Board had granted its approval for the two missions, North San Francisco and Pasadena.

I regret very much to say that, in spite of all my efforts, the canvass of Fresno was not taken up. Rev. William Kelly, who in December was authorized to canvass the field, was prevented by sickness.

INSTALLATION.

On the 19th of February Rev. William Kelly installed Rev. Crouser as pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church at San José, delivering the charge to the congregation and to the pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. Samuel Bacon Barnitz, D. D., for twenty-one years the Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, entered into rest on June 12th, 1902, at eight o'clock in the morning, four weeks from the time of his return from our convention. I sent a communication to each pastor of our Synod to observe a memorial service. I also deemed it fit to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Barnitz, with the signature of each pastor of our Synod.

January 19th, 1903, an application for a loan, made by Rev. A. C. Delbo, from the Synodical Mission Fund, for the sum of $25.00, was granted.

In December, 1902, Brother Hillerman and myself wrote letters to the pastors of our Synod for material assistance for the church at San José.

Dear brethren, in bringing my report to a close, permit me to thank you for the confidence placed in me by you during the administration of the office. May the Holy Spirit guide the deliberations of this convention to the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom on earth.

Respectfully submitted, HERMANN GEHRCKE.

On motion, the President's Report was referred to the proper committee.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, his report was read by his pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoick. (See Appendix B.)

On motion, the report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Application for membership to California Synod was made in behalf of the new congregation at Santa Barbara by Rev. A. C. Delbo, pastor, and, on motion of Rev. William Kelly, was referred to a special committee.

The Rev. Samuel Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., extended his greetings to the Synod through his pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

On motion of Rev. William Kelly, it was

Resolved, That we have received with pleasure the greetings of Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., and extend to him our best wishes for the continuance of his health and strength, with the divine blessing.

On motion, a recess of fifteen minutes was taken to allow the President time to appoint his committees.

Upon reconvening the President announced the following committees:

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., and C. F. Oehler.

2. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and Mr. Frederick Meckfessel.

3. *Apportionment*—Rev. A. C. Delbo and Mr. Hans Schulz.

4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Revs. A. Jatho and J. E. Hoick.

5. *Auditing*—Messrs. J. W. Fricke and William Bosbyshell.

6. *Resolutions and Temperance*—Revs. William Kelly and William Brandes.

7. *Religious Services*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and C. F. Oehler.

8. *Excess and Deficit*—Rev. W. E. Crouser and Mr. Frank Meckfessel.

9. *Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies*—Rev. J. E. Hoick and E. Nelander, Ph. D.

10. *Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. H. J. Weaver and Mr. J. W. Fricke.

11. *Constitution and Application of Santa Barbara Church*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and H. J. Weaver.

Reporters for Church Papers.

Zion's Bote—Rev. A. Jatho.

Observer—Rev. William Kelly.

World—Rev. H. J. Weaver.

Evangelist—Rev. W. E. Crouser.

Local Papers—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Report of Committee on the State of the Church.

Your Committee on the State of the Church, from the reports received, notes that the interest and activity of the different congregations are very devoted and encouraging, and that too much praise cannot be given for their Christian endeavor to promote the cause of Christ in their respective churches. It is

with pleasure we note the marked advance along every branch of church work. The number of church organizations has increased. The membership of the churches has likewise increased. A larger attendance of teachers and scholars in the Sunday schools is noted.

Praise and glory to Him who says "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Amen.

Respectfully submitted, W. BRANDES,
WILLIAM E. CROUSER.

Report adopted.

The Parochial Reports of the various churches were then read by the pastors.

On motion of Rev. William Kelly, the following committee was appointed to confer with the pastor and newly organized congregation of North Beach, San Francisco, and, upon the adoption of the Model Constitution of the General Synod by said congregation, to receive it as a part of the California Synod: Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., H. Gehrcke, William Kelly, and William Brandes.

The hours of business sessions of Synod were fixed as folllows: 9 A. M. to 12 M. and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.; and the evening sessions to begin at 7.45 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry.

Your committee would report that Rev. A. C. Delbo appeared before them and requested admission to our Synod. He was ordained to the ministry by the Moravian Church, after being duly educated, and an examination showed him to be in heart and mind ripe for admission to the Lutheran ministry.

We recommend that his name be placed on our Synodical roll after his appointment to a work within the bounds of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
E. NELANDER,
CHARLES F. OEHLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Synod.

Your committee reports that there is nothing in the printed Minutes requiring attention of Synod, and that in the protocol of Synod the minutes are neatly and accurately recorded.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
ADOLPH JATHO.

Report adopted.

On motion, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., was given permission to change the subject for his address at the evening session.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., an adjournment was taken until 3 P. M., to allow the committees time to prepare their reports.

Adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Hoskinson.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1903, 3 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

After the calling of the roll, the minutes of the preceding sessions were read and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Hoskinson, the Rev. Ingert, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was received as an advisory member.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

While three young men of our Synod, Mr. Ralph O. Reiner, Mr. B. Arfsten, Jr., and Henry F. Wilke, are pursuing studies with the Lutheran ministry in view, there are at present no beneficiaries, and the funds for ministerial education were at the last Synodical meeting transferred to Home Mission Fund. Your committee, realizing the importance of encouraging young men to prepare for the ministry, beg leave to submit for your consideration the following recommendations:

1. That each pastor preach, as heretofore, during the Synodical year at least one sermon on the call to the ministry.

2. That every encouragement be given to all efforts looking toward the establishment of a Lutheran theological seminary on this coast, and that an Agitating Committee be appointed to awaken interest on this coast and to take such steps as they may deem advisable to advance this project.

3. That $7.50 be set aside for the purchase of 100 copies of Dr. David H. Bauslin's book, "Is the Ministry an Attractive Vocation?" said books to be distributed by the pastors among the young men of the several congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER,
C. F. OEHLER,
JOHN C. WALLING.

Considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted.
Item 2. Amended and adopted.
Item 3. Adopted.
Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee finds the President's Report a carefully written document, which testifies to that official's careful oversight of the work entrusted to his care.

An encouraging feature of the report is that during the Synodical year three new missions have been started within our bounds, which the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society is willing to support.

We recommend that the canvass of Fresno, which could not be effected in the past year, be not lost sight of.

We find no other items for special consideration.

Respectfully submitted, E. NELANDER,
CHARLES F. OEHLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Wedekind Library.

Your Committee on the Purchase of the Luther Works would recommend that, as the offer of Synod has not been accepted, the matter be dropped.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Two letters have been handed to your committee, one from Brother Tressler and the other from Rev. Routzahn, and we request that these be read to Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
FREDERICK MECKFESSEL.

Report adopted.

The letters of greeting from Revs. Dr. Tressler and Routzahn were then read by Dr. Hoskinson.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to reply to these letters, extending the greeting of Synod to these brethren.

The Report of the Apportionment Committee was read and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Report of Committee on Santa Barbara Church.

Your Committee on the Application of Grace Lutheran Church of Santa Barbara, Cal., having ascertained that the Constitution of said church, organized on Easter Sunday, April 12th, 1903, is in accordance with the Constitution of the General Synod, do hereby recommend the admission of the said church into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

Report adopted.

Pending the adoption of the above report, the pastor of the Santa Barbara Church, Rev. A. C. Delbo, gave a full verbal report of the encouragements and discouragements of his work.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., was called to the chair.

On motion of Rev. Gehrcke, the sum of $25.00 loaned to Rev. Delbo was granted to him as a gift.

The following resolutions, presented by Rev. Oehler, were adopted *seriatim* and as a whole:

Resolutions Offered by Rev. C. F. Oehler.

In order to aid our Santa Barbara mission, be it

1. *Resolved*, That, if possible, a young devoted lady, Miss Sorensen, be employed for a month or two at a reasonable salary to do missionary work in Santa Barbara in connection with Brother Delbo.

2. *Resolved*, That from time to time a pastor of one of our other Synodical churches go to Santa Barbara to preach and to encourage the people, and that their expenses be paid from the Synodical Home Mission Fund.

3. *Resolved*, That the Home Mission Committee be instructed to see that these resolutions be carried out.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. William Kelly.

SECOND EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 8 O'CLOCK.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., addressed Synod on California Home Missions, and Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., on the Modern Crusade of Young People.

The speakers of the evening were assisted in the liturgical service by Rev. W. E. Crouser.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1903, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Hoick.

After calling of roll, the minutes of the preceding sessions were read, and after correction were approved.

On motion of Dr. Hoskinson, the amount of $10.00 received from Rev. Routzahn was credited to Synodical Home Missions.

Moved by Rev. William Kelly that the deficit to the General Synod Treasury be remitted from the Synodical Fund.

Amended by Rev. Oehler that this amount be paid, with the understanding that the churches in arrears shall remit the amount to the Synodical Treasurer.

Motion and amendment adopted.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports.

Your Committee on Parochial Reports, having finished their work, submit their report as follows. (See Appendix D.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. FRICKE,
H. GOETJEN,
A. E. FOX.

Report adopted, with thanks of Synod to the committee for their laborious, painstaking, and exact work.

Southern California Conference.

Rev. J. E. Hoick, Secretary of Southern California Conference, reported that an organization was effected Friday morning, May 1st, embracing all the pastorates in Southern California, with the following officers: *President*, Rev. George H. Hillerman; *Secretary*, Rev. J. E. Hoick; *Treasurer*, Rev. A. C. Delbo. The second convention will be held in Redlands in September, 1903.

On motion of Rev. Oehler, record of this organization was ordered spread on the minutes of Synod.

Report of Committee on Religious Services.

Your committee would report the following assignments for Sunday services:

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Morning—Rev. J. E. Hoick and Dr. E. Nelander.
Evening—Rev. H. J. Weaver and Rev. W. E. Crouser.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Morning—Rev. William Brandes.
Evening—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

SIXTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Evening—Rev. George H. Hillerman.

The Scandinavian service at the English Lutheran Church at 3 o'clock, conducted by Dr. E. Nelander, of San Francisco.

Y. M. C. A.

Rev. George H. Hillerman.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
C. F. OEHLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The California Synod is to be congratulated on the recent development of Home Mission work on its territory. In the past Synodical year three new missions have been organized on the coast, one each at Santa Barbara, Pasadena, and North Beach, San Francisco. At each of these points work has begun, congregations have been gathered, financial aid has been promised, pastors have been called and are on the field, and the signs are encouraging. The older Synodical Missions show commendable progress. Alameda is doing as well as can be expected in that difficult field. The pastor has recently organized a Society of Christian Endeavor, and introduced occasional English preaching. These are steps in the right direction, and should strengthen the Alameda church. Oakland is more than holding its own, its membership has increased, repairs aggregating $250.00 have been made to property, a new organ has been purchased, and the congregation has assumed $200.00 more of the pastor's support than in the preceding year. Riverside shows a steady and healthy growth. This mission is on a firmer financial basis than ever before; the congregation is increasing in benevolence, having contributed $70.00 more in this direction than in the preceding year; a Home Department has been added to the Sunday school of this church, and the congregation has assumed $200.00 more of their pastor's support. Redlands is growing in strength, a number of new members has been added to this mission, a Luther League and Ladies' Aid Society have been organized, a lot purchased, and steps are

being taken to erect a church in the near future. The San Diego Mission has organized a Men's Benevolent Association, and the work of this church is in a satisfactory condition. San José, a few months ago, passed through a crisis that threatened its existence; the period of danger has already passed, the people are united, harmonious, and enthusiastic, and under the wise and efficient leadership of the present energetic pastor the mission is steadly gaining ground. On the whole, the mission work of the California Synod was never in a more hopeful condition than at present, the work is growing, new territory is being occupied, new doors are opening, new missions are being established. The divine blessing has followed the labors of His servants, and the time may not be distant when in this State the Church of the Reformation, the mother-church of Protestanism, will take the position its history and achievements entitle it to occupy.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GEHRCKE,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
W. KELLY.

Report adopted.

Rev. W. E. Crouser supplemented this report with a verbal statement of the work at San José, and made manifest to the Synod that the work to-day is in a most hopeful state.

Verbal reports were given of the other missions of the Synod by the pastors of the same.

Resolutions on Deaconess Work Submitted by Rev. C. F. Oehler.

1. *Resolved*, That we deem it both necessary and wise to employ one or more deaconesses to aid our California churches in their mission work.

2. *Resolved*, That a Standing Committee on Deaconesses be nominated to take definite steps to educate, or otherwise secure, devoted young women to serve our churches as deaconesses.

3. *Resolved*, That the expenses connected with such work be paid from the treasury for Synodical Home Missions, and that our Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be asked to aid in this most important cause.

Adopted in afternoon session.

Pending a vote on the above resolutions, Synod adjourned in a body at 11.45 A. M., to extend greetings, through the President, to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention of California.

Closing prayer by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1903, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Dr. Nelander.

After calling of roll, the election of officers was entered into.

On motion of Rev. J. E. Hoick, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Rev. H. Gehrcke for President for the ensuing year.

This was done, and Rev. H. Gehrcke was declared duly elected.

On motion of Rev. William Kelly, the ballot was cast by Rev. J. E. Hoick for Rev. George H. Hillerman for Secretary of Synod for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. C. F. Oehler, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for P. S. Leisenring, M. D., for Treasurer of Synod, which was done.

On motion of Rev. William Brandes, it was resolved to grant the Secretary $25.00 a year for his services.

The resolution of Rev. C. F. Oehler concerning the employment of a deaconess on the Pacific Coast was taken up, and after discussion was considered and adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

Invitations for the next Convention of California Synod were received from Riverside and San José.

On motion of Rev. William Kelly, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, This Synod has met at one time in the San José Church, and never yet in the Riverside Church; be it

Resolved, That Synod meet next year in Riverside; and

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered San José for their kind invitation.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence notes with pleasure an increase, during the past year, of nearly $300.00 in the amount given by our churches for the regular objects of benevolence, and hereby recommend:

1. That the special days suggested by the various Boards be observed by all of our churches as far as possible.

2. That each pastor preach at least one sermon during the year on systematic and proportionate giving.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
J. W. FRICKE.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions and Temperance.

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be extended to the pastors and congregations of the English and German churches of Sacramento for their generous and bountiful hospitality, and to the choirs for their excellent music.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society for their continued interest in the work in this State, especially for their recent action in engaging to support three new missions.

3. *Resolved*, That we endorse the action of the Board of Home Missions in re-districting its territory and dividing the work among three Secretaries, believing that through this action more interest will be taken in the California work.

4. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the long and faithful labors of the Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., late Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions; that we miss his presence and wise counsel, and commend the widow and family circle of our departed brother to the loving care of God.

5. *Resolved*, That we extend to the Rev. Luther P. Ludden the congratulations of this body on his appointment to the responsible position of Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and assure him of a most cordial welcome from the Synod and churches of California.

6. *Resolved*, That this Synod re-affirm its well-known position on the necessity of temperance legislation and temperance reform.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM KELLY,
WILLIAM BRANDES.

Considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

On motion of Rev. C. F. Oehler, the janitor of the English Lutheran Church was granted $5.00 for his services during Synod.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your Committee on Absentees and Excuses recommend that the following brethren be excused: Revs. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., L. C. Routzahn, V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D., F. C. Vierke, J. S. Moser, J. Schmierer, and Brothers J. B. Conrad, W. Betten, H. C. Hensley, A. Cornelius, and Charles Colmore.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report so many brethren of this Synod absent at this meeting, and, while we fully appreciate the difficulty which some of us some time will have to attend the Synodical meeting, on the other hand, we cannot too strongly urge the pastors of our Synod to do their duty in always attending its annual meeting, and sending, if possible, a lay delegate.

Respectfully submitted, A. JATHO,
J. E. HOICK.

Report adopted.

On motion of Dr. Nelander it was

Resolved, That our delegation to the General Synod Convention be instructed to urge upon our Boards the needs of our mission fields in California, requesting California supervision if possible; and in any case that immediate steps be taken that our Lutheran Church may "go up and possess the land" to which we are entitled by virtue of the rapidly increasing Lutheran immigration.

Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit was read and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies would report that the work along these lines has progressed very satisfactorily during the past year. The total enrollment of our Sunday schools is 1,490, an increase of 61. The contributions have amounted to $1,970.91.

The Young People's Societies report a membership of 326, with total contributions of $363.62.

A number of the Sunday schools have adopted Home Departments and others modern methods of work.

Realizing the wondrous opportunities which are open to the work of our Church in this State, and recognizing the resources of the Sunday schools and Young People's Societies in our State, be it

Resolved, That the Young People's Societies of our Synod assume the half support of a new mission in the State; and we recommend that each of the members of the Young People's Societies and Sunday schools be apportioned twenty cents each for the support of the new mission.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
E. NELANDER.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, your Committee on Auditing the Treasurer's Book of Accounts, find the same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. FRICKE,
WILLIAM BOSBYSHELL.

Report adopted.

The special order for the afternoon was then taken up, Rev. C. F. Oehler reading a carefully prepared paper on the Fifth Article of the Augsburg Confession, and Rev. J. E. Hoick a practical and devotional paper on the Conduct of Public Worship.

On motion of Dr. Hoskinson, the Secretary was instructed to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed.

On motion of Rev. Oehler the Treasurer was instructed to pay the salary of the Secretary for the past year.

The minutes were then read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Oehler, the thanks of Synod were extended to the Sacramento papers for their reports of the proceedings of the convention.

On motion of Rev. H. J. Weaver, Synod adjourned, to meet on the third Wednesday after Easter, 1904, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, Cal.

The business sessions were then closed with the form prescribed by the General Synod.

THIRD EVENING SESSION.

The liturgical service was in charge of Rev. H. J. Weaver, the choir of the German Lutheran Church of Sacramento leading the singing and providing the special music.

Addresses were made by Rev. William Kelly on Christian Education, basing his remarks on 1 Kings x. 8, and by Rev. W. E. Crouser on Foreign Missions, from the text John x. 10.

I certify the above to be a correct report of the Thirteenth Convention of California Synod.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1903-1904.

	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	Totals.
Rate	....	.03	.08	.28	.20	.20	.12	.07	.07	.05	.10	1.20
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	58	$1 74	$4 64	$16 24	$11 60	$11 60	$6 96	$4 06	$4 06	$2 90	$5 80	$69 60
Los Angeles, Rev. Weaver	260	7 80	20 80	72 80	52 00	52 00	31 20	18 20	18 20	13 00	26 00	312 00
Oakland, Rev. Kelly	122	3 66	9 76	34 16	24 40	24 40	14 64	8 54	8 54	6 10	12 20	146 40
Redlands, Rev. Vierke	34	1 02	2 72	9 52	6 80	6 80	4 08	2 38	2 38	1 70	3 40	40 80
Riverside, Rev. Hillerman	56	1 68	4 48	15 68	11 20	11 20	6 72	3 92	3 92	2 80	5 60	67 20
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	140	4 20	11 20	39 20	28 00	28 00	16 80	9 80	9 80	7 00	14 00	168 00
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	242	7 26	19 36	67 76	48 40	48 40	29 04	16 94	16 94	12 10	24 20	290 40
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	91	2 73	7 28	25 48	18 20	18 20	10 92	6 37	6 37	4 55	9 10	109 20
San Francisco, Rev. Nelander	278	8 34	22 24	77 84	55 60	55 60	33 36	19 46	19 46	13 90	27 80	333 60
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	85	2 55	6 80	23 80	17 00	17 00	10 20	5 95	5 95	4 25	8 50	102 00
San Francisco, Rev. Jatho	25	75	2 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 75	1 75	1 25	2 50	30 00
San José, Rev. Crouser	114	3 42	9 12	31 92	22 80	22 80	13 68	7 98	7 98	5 70	11 40	136 80
Santa Barbara, Rev. Delbo.	11	33	88	3 08	2 20	2 20	1 32	77	77	55	1 10	13 20
Totals	1516	$45 48	$121 28	$424 48	$303 20	$303 20	$181 92	$106 12	$106 12	$75 80	$151 60	$1819 20

Respectfully submitted, A. C. DELBO, H. SCHULZ.

APPENDIX B.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 7, 1902, to April 25, 1903.*

CONGREGATIONS.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Mission.	Total.
To Balance	.....	$32 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	$149 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$182 07
Alameda	$1 70	4 55	$15 95	$6 00	$6 00	$2 50	.....	$2 50	.....	$3 00	$2 00	$3 50	47 70
Los Angeles	7 60	20 50	70 50	60 00	50 85	30 50	.....	18 00	$5 00	18 00	13 00	25 30	319 25
Oakland	3 42	9 12	33 00	22 80	22 80	13 68	.....	7 98	.....	7 98	5 70	11 40	137 88
Redlands	90	2 40	8 40	6 00	6 00	3 60	.....	2 10	.....	2 10	1 50	3 00	36 00
Riverside	1 65	4 92	17 75	13 25	11 05	6 50	.....	3 80	.....	3 85	2 75	5 45	70 97
Sacramento (English)	4 20	5 00	39 21	18 65	16 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	90 06
Sacramento (German)	7 23	19 28	67 48	73 20	48 20	30 00	.....	16 87	.....	16 87	12 05	27 19	318 37
San Diego	2 73	7 28	25 48	18 20	18 20	10 92	.....	6 37	2 65	6 37	4 55	9 10	111 85
San Francisco (English)	7 53	20 08	70 28	50 20	50 20	30 12	.....	17 57	6 55	17 57	12 55	25 10	307 75
San Francisco (German)	1 65	4 40	15 40	9 00	4 00	1 85	.....	85	.....	3 85	.....	5 50	46 50
San José	3 00	4 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	.....	.....	6 71	.....	.....	.....	37 71
Rev. Schmierer	25	50	1 00	3 00	25	25	.....	50	50	50	25	.....	7 00
Amount received	$41 86	$134 45	$373 45	$286 30	$239 55	$134 92	$149 65	$76 54	$21 41	$80 09	$54 35	$120 54	$1713 11
Amount remitted	41 86	88 09	373 45	286 30	239 55	134 92	.....	76 54	21 41	80 09	54 35	52 00	1448 56
Difference	.....	$46 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	$149 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	$68 54	$264 55

Rev. Hillerman, Secretary	$10 00
Rev. Hillerman, postage	2 00
Sexton, Alameda	5 00
Ledger for Treasurer	1 25
The Lutheran Publication Society, for printing Minutes and postage	62 36
Treasurer's expenses, exchange, etc.	7 48
Total	$88 09
On hand in Synodical Treasury	46 36
	$134 45

Received for Synodical Treasurer $134 45

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX C.—Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit.

	General Synod.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.			Board of Education.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$1 70	.....	$0 01	$4 55	.....	$0 01	$15 95	.....	$0 01	$6 00	.....	$5 40	$6 00	.....	$5 40	$2 50	.....	$4 34
Los Angeles	7 60	$0 10	.....	20 50	$0 50	.....	70 50	$0 50	.....	60 00	$10 00	.....	50 85	$0 85	.....	30 50	$0 50	.....
Oakland	3 42	.....	.....	9 12	.....	.....	33 00	1 08	.....	22 80	.....	.....	22 80	.....	.....	13 68	.....	.....
Redlands	90	.....	.....	2 40	.....	.....	8 40	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	3 60	.....	.....
Riverside	1 65	03	.....	4 92	60	.....	17 75	2 63	.....	13 25	2 45	.....	11 05	25	.....	6 50	02	.....
Sacramento (English)	4 20	.....	.....	5 00	.....	6 20	39 21	01	.....	18 65	.....	9 35	16 00	.....	12 00	2 00	.....	14 80
Sacramento (German)	7 23	.....	.....	19 28	.....	.....	67 48	.....	.....	73 20	25 00	.....	48 20	.....	.....	30 00	1 08	.....
San Diego	2 73	.....	.....	7 28	.....	.....	25 48	.....	.....	18 20	.....	.....	18 20	.....	.....	10 92	.....	.....
San Francisco (English)	7 53	.....	.....	20 08	.....	.....	70 28	.....	.....	50 20	.....	.....	50 20	.....	.....	30 12	.....	.....
San Francisco (German)	1 65	.....	.....	4 40	.....	.....	15 40	.....	.....	9 00	.....	2 00	4 00	.....	7 00	1 85	.....	4 75
San José	3 00	.....	18	4 00	.....	4 48	9 00	.....	20 68	6 00	.....	15 20	6 00	.....	15 20	3 00	.....	9 72
Total	$41 61	.....	$0 06	$101 53	.....	$9 59	$372 45	.....	$16 47	$283 30	$5 50	.....	$239 30	.....	$38 50	$134 67	.....	$32 01

	Pastors' Fund.			Deaconess Board.			Home for the Aged.			Synodical Home Missions.			Grand Total.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$2 50	.....	$1 49	$3 00	.....	$0 99	$2 00	.....	$0 85	$3 50	.....	$2 20	$47 70	.....	$20 70
Los Angeles	18 00	$0 50	.....	18 00	$0 50	.....	13 00	$0 50	.....	25 30	$0 30	.....	314 25	$14 25	.....
Oakland	7 98	.....	.....	7 98	.....	.....	5 70	.....	.....	11 40	.....	.....	137 88	1 08	.....
Redlands	2 10	.....	.....	2 10	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	36 00	.....	.....
Riverside	3 80	02	.....	3 85	07	.....	2 75	05	.....	5 45	05	.....	70 97	6 17	.....
Sacramento (English)	.....	.....	9 80	.....	.....	9 80	.....	.....	7 00	5 00	.....	9 00	90 06	.....	77 94
Sacramento (German)	16 87	.....	.....	16 87	.....	.....	12 05	.....	.....	27 19	3 09	.....	318 37	29 17	.....
San Diego	6 37	.....	.....	6 37	.....	.....	4 55	.....	.....	9 10	.....	.....	109 20	.....	.....
San Francisco (English)	17 57	.....	.....	17 57	.....	.....	12 55	.....	.....	25 10	.....	.....	301 20	.....	.....
San Francisco (German)	85	.....	3 00	3 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	5 50	.....	.....	46 50	.....	19 50
San José	.....	.....	7 42	.....	.....	7 42	.....	.....	5 30	.....	.....	10 60	31 00	.....	96 20
Total	$76 04	.....	$21 19	$79 59	.....	$17 64	$54 10	.....	$15 35	$120 54	.....	$18 36	$1503 63	.....	$163 17

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER, FRANK MECKFESSEL.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accesssion. Infant Baptisms.	Accesssion. Adult Baptisms.	Accesssion. Confirmations.	Accesssion. Certificate.	Accesssion. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Baptized but Unconfirmed Membership.	Total Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Alameda, Rev. William Brandes, 753 Railroad Ave.	Christ German Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	..	..	17	1	....	2	7	....	....	4	..	58	....	58	$2600 00	$1000 00	$986 00	1
Los Angeles, Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, 1001 West Eighth St.	First English Lutheran	1	..	2	..	14	4	3	27	12	2	18	23	1	260	58	318	30000 00	3600 00	4747 93	2
Oakland, Rev. William Kelly, 568 Twelfth St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	..	12	....	....	10	10	1	9	7	1	122	40	162	22000 00	7050 00	1215 28	3
Redlands, Rev. F. C. Vierke, 320 Sylveria St.	First Evan. Lutheran	1	1	1	..	1	....	....	1	10	....	....	5	..	34	22	56	1500 00	1000 00	984 88	4
Riverside, Rev. George H. Hillerman, 995 Locust St.	Trinity Evan. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	12	....	1	7	10	....	1	5	4	56	41	97	5200 00	.....	1172 05	5
Sacramento, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., 1415 Eighteenth St.	First English Lutheran	1	1	2	..	6	7	2	17	10	3	3	7	13	140	100	240	18000 00	2000 00	1496 00	6
Sacramento, Rev. Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St.	German Lutheran	1	..	2	..	19	9	....	12	35	....	20	....	2	242	283	525	20000 00	100 00	2975 82	7
San Diego, Rev. J. E. Hoick, 1406 Third St.	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	3	1	2	3	6	1	1	2	2	91	32	123	15000 00	2300 00	1864 22	8
San Francisco, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., 1319 Geary St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	1	33	3	14	13	61	4	32	8	13	278	258	536	55000 00	8700 00	4079 05	9
San Francisco, Rev. Hermann Gehrcke, 785 Golden Gate Ave.	St. Matthew's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	29	....	....	....	41	2	25	3	..	85	133	218	6000 00	.....	2542 20	10
San Francisco, Rev. A. Jatho, 1322 Adeline St., Oakland	*North Beach Mission	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	..	25	....	25	.....	.....	186 00	11
San José, Rev. W. E. Crouser, 558 North Fourth St.	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	12	1	5	....	3	....	11	3	..	114	79	193	15000 00	3050 00	1037 15	12
Santa Barbara, Rev. Arthur C. Delbo, 619 De La Vina St.	*Grace Lutheran	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	1	10	....	..	11	17	28	.....	.....	35 50	13
Totals for 1903		13	3	17	3	158	26	27	92	207	14	130	67	36	1516	1063	2579	$190300 00	$28800 00	$23322 08	14
Totals for 1902		11	3	14	2	166	17	28	159	181	23	160	56	29	1389	506	1895	180800 00	28740 00	20473 46	15
Gain		2	..	3	1	....	9	....	....	26	....	....	11	7	127	557	684	$9500 00	$60 00	$2848 62	16
Loss		..	..	..	..	8	....	1	67	....	9	30	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	17

Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	5	73	$35 00	$15 00	....	.....	.....	$1 70	$4 55	$19 45	$6 00	$6 00	$2 50	.....	$27 50	$2 50	.....	$3 00	$2 00	$3 00	$78 20	$1064 20
2	1	22	170	429 88	45 69	30	$9 00	$4 00	7 60	20 50	70 50	60 00	60 85	30 50	.....	91 76	18 00	$5 00	18 00	13 00	42 55	438 26	5186 19
3	1	15	185	100 00	50 00	35	70 00	10 00	3 42	9 12	44 40	22 80	22 80	13 68	.....	48 65	7 98	.....	7 98	5 70	25 00	211 53	1426 81
4	1	7	30	31 50	.....	32	58 85	.....	90	2 40	11 40	6 00	6 00	3 60	.....	.....	2 10	.....	2 10	1 50	.....	36 00	1020 88
5	1	18	95	68 65	32 58	31	2 90	2 00	1 65	4 92	38 20	13 25	21 05	6 50	.....	36 21	3 85	35 00	3 85	2 75	17 25	184 48	1356 53
6	1	14	180	80 40	20 60	30	10 20	8 25	4 20	5 00	39 21	18 65	20 00	2 00	.....	20 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	189 56	1685 56
7	1	15	215	348 45	48 14	57	69 44	36 00	7 23	19 28	94 58	73 20	48 20	30 00	.....	210 73	16 87	.....	16 87	12 05	207 75	736 76	3712 58
8	1	16	104	93 07	52 80	20	6 53	16 00	2 73	7 28	34 58	18 20	18 20	10 92	.....	21 80	6 37	2 70	6 37	4 55	10 25	143 95	2008 17
9	1	21	210	200 86	52 67	29	12 45	24 00	7 53	20 08	95 38	50 20	50 20	30 12	.....	71 60	17 57	.....	17 57	12 55	159 90	532 70	4611 75
10	1	12	85	130 25	10 00	42	18 50	3 50	1 65	4 40	20 90	9 00	4 00	1 85	.....	84	85	.....	3 85	.....	25 00	155 50	2697 70
11	1	7	61	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	186 00
12	1	13	82	101 87	23 50	20	2 00	.....	3 00	4 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	.....	25 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	63 00	1100 15
13	..	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 50
14	12	165	1490	1619 93	350 98	326	259 87	103 75	41 61	101 53	477 60	283 30	263 30	134 67	.....	637 75	76 09	49 70	79 59	54 10	570 70	2769 94	26092 02
15	12	157	1429	1383 56	366 26	325	223 20	78 45	41 04	75 98	295 42	255 94	276 60	126 01	$2 00	649 53	96 07	52 35	55 39	36 85	924 74	2887 92	23361 38
16	..	8	61	$236 37	.....	1	$36 67	$25 30	$0 57	$25 55	$182 18	$27 36	.....	$8 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	$24 20	$17 25	.....	.....	$2730 64
17	..	....	....	.....	$15 28	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$13 30	.....	$2 00	$11 78	$19 98	$2 65	.....	.....	$354 04	$117 98	.....

Respectfully submitted, J. W. FRICKE, H. GOETJEN, A. E. FOX.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1903, 2 P. M.

According to appointment, the first session of the Twelfth Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod opened at 2 P. M., April 30th, 1903, in the parlors of the First English Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Cal., the President, Mrs. William Kelly, presiding.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Grunewald, of Sacramento. The hymns "My faith looks up to Thee" and "Rock of Ages" were sung. Scripture was read and prayer offered by the leader.

SECOND SESSION.

2.30 P. M.

Opened with the doxology. Mrs. Kelly read John xii. 1-8, and Mrs. Everding led in prayer.

Credentials were received, and the following delegates and officers were enrolled:

Oakland—Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. J. C. Walling, and Mrs. F. Mitchell (*a. e.*).

San Francisco, English—Mrs. J. Everding, Mrs. E. Nelander, and Mrs. M. D. King.

Christian Endeavor Society—Miss Gertrude Wilburn (*a. e.*).

San Francisco, German—Mrs. George Folcke and Mrs. E. Olsen.

Sacramento, English—Mrs. George Gifford, Mrs. G. Rentschler, and Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson.

Christian Endeavor Society—Mrs. A. Tellstrom.

Sacramento, German—Mrs. C. F. Oehler, Miss Kate Stuber, and Mrs. A. Lothhammer.

Christian Endeavor Society—Mrs. A. Schad.

Alameda, German—Mrs. Sumner (*a. e.*) and Mrs. Kuchmeister (*a. e.*).

Los Angeles—Miss Rose Hickethier.

San Diego—Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

The President declared the organization of the Convention, and the Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.

The address of welcome was read by Mrs. Hoskinson, and the response by Mrs. Everding.

After the singing of "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," the President read her annnal report.

President's Report.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod, greeting:

DEAR SISTERS AND FRIENDS: In the providence of God we have been permitted to meet in the Twelfth Annual Convention of this body, to consider the

interests of the cause in which we are so deeply interested, and to devise ways and means for carrying on our work with greater efficiency and increasing success. As we look back on the incidents of the Synodical year, events dark and bright, encouraging and discouraging, confront us. We have passed through the Valley of Despond and scaled the Mountain of Hope. We have stood in thought at the grave, and caught distant glimpses of the Land of the Many Mansions; but whether we planned or prayed, worried or worked in the Master's cause, God has been with us. His Spirit has led us, His power has sustained us, His hand has upheld us. He has made the crooked places straight and the rough places plain before us. The sunlight of His love, shining on our pathway, has illumined life's journey, turning the shadow of death into the morning; and, as we have moved forward, we have chanted the song, "Let us be glad in the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our Salvation.

The year just closed has been one of the most eventful in the mission enterprises of the General Synod, and one of the most encouraging in the history of the California work. One year ago at the Alameda Convention, Dr. Samuel Bacon Barnitz was with us. We remember well the last message of love and loyalty to Christ and the Church he left with us before he returned to his home to die. His tasks are done; his warfare is accomplished; he has entered into rest. He has joined "the deathless choir of the immortal dead who live again." But the work he accomplished, the forces he helped to set in motion, the missions he assisted in establishing, will continue to grow, prosper, and perpetuate his influence; and through these agencies, he, being dead, will continue to live in the life, thought, and work of the Church. As we think of the consecrated life and abundant labors of this man of God, we recall the well-known lines:

> "Servant of God, well done!
> Thy glorious warfares past;
> The battles fought, the victories won,
> And thou art crowned at last!"

A memorial address will be delivered on the life of our friend by Mrs. George H. Hillerman, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It will also be appropriate to adopt a suitable resolution to spread on the minutes and to send to the family of our deceased brother.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

You have doubtless noted the action taken by the Board of Foreign Mission in appointing a new Secretary to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. George H. Scholl, who so long and ably filled the place. The new appointee, Dr. Marion J. Kline, has taken hold of the work with great energy, and, aided by the advice and experience of the former Secretary, has infused new life into that important department of the work of the Church.

HOME MISSIONS.

The new departure of the Board of Home Missions, in re-districting its territory and appointing three Secretaries to supervise the work formerly performed by two, was a wise and judicious move, which has met with the approval of the entire Church. This step, which should have been taken years ago, will add to the efficiency of the Board, strengthen the work, and lighten the labors of the Secretaries. I have assumed the privilege of writing to the Western Secretary, the Rev. Luther P. Ludden, assuring him of a cordial welcome from the women of California Synod whenever he visits the coast.

CALIFORNIA.

There has been a change since we last met in the church at San José. The Rev. Arthur Bredenbek, who retired from that field, has been succeeded by the Rev. W. E. Crouser, who is now attending the Synodical Convention, and whose wife will become an active worker in our ranks. The past year has been one of marked activity and enlargement in California work. Through the earnest labors of the Rev. Dr. Hoskinson, who canvassed Santa Barbara, a promising mission has been organized in that thriving city, which is being efficiently served by the Rev. A. C. Delbo. The Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, formerly of Chicago, is endeavoring to establish a mission at Pasadena. The Rev. Hermann Gehrcke has organized what bids fair to be a strong German Church at North Beach, San Francisco. I have been informed that both of these missions have been taken on the funds of the Board, making three new missions established in California in a single year. This State owes a debt of gratitude to the Woman Societies of the General Synod it will never be able to pay. This enterprise is being served by the Rev. Adolph Jatho, and Fresno, in the not distant future, may also have a mission well located on one of its busy streets.

So, steadily and surely, the Lutheran Church of the General Synod is lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes in this imperial commonwealth. About fifty years ago a St. Louis gambler and politician cried out in the presence of his boon companions, "Boys, we'll see that Jesus Christ never comes west of the Mississippi!" The Church of Christ took up the gauntlet thrown down by the atheistic blasphemer, and to-day more than 25,000 Christian churches stand west of the Father of Waters, and the number is constantly idcreasing.

OFFICIAL.

The following is the record of my official acts: Soon after the Alameda Convention, I wrote to each of the societies urging them to dispose of the India work sent out by the Board. All the articles have been disposed of, with one exception. After the death of the Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., I wrote a letter of sympathy, in your name, to the widow of our deceased

brother. In January of the present year, Mrs. Krechting, President of the Woman's Societies of the General Synod, requested me to write to the California Societies, urging them to contribute for the erection of Emmanuel's Mission, Chicago. I received a similar request from Mrs. Krechting in July. In each instance the request was complied with. Early in November I sent letters to each society, calling attention to the blessings bestowed on our California work as causes of thanksgiving. Late in the year a number of Reports of the India Mission was sent me for free distribution. I distributed them as far as they would go.

In January, Mrs. Myers notified me of her inability to attend the Sacramento Convention, and requested that Mrs. John Everding be appointed in her place. Her request was complied with. In the same month, Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer sent me a number of questions on the saliant points of mission work. Most of the questions were answered. The questions and answers are here, and, if desired, can be referred to a committee or brought before the convention for discussion.

One hundred and sixteen letters were written and sent out by me during the year.

And now I again return to you the office with which for three consecutive years I have been entrusted. I have, doubtless, made mistakes in administering the duties of the position to which your suffrages called me, but endeavored to discharge the duties of my office faithfully, conscientiously, and to the best of my ability. My relations with the various societies and the officers of the State Society have been harmonious and delightful. We have labored together without jar or friction, for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom. I return to-day my sincere thanks to the officers of the society for their unvarying kindness and cordial support, and bespeak for my successor in office the same confidence, cordiality, and co-operation I have enjoyed at your hands. The Lord of Hosts has been with us in the past; He will lead us on in future days.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. WILLIAM KELLY,
President.

The Secretary read extracts from letters written to the President by Mrs. Grunewald, of Sacramento, and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Delaware, Ohio. Other letters are noticed in the report of the committee on the same.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report, read by Miss Stuber, was accepted.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Treasurer, reported the largest sum of money ever raised by the societies of the California Synod. The report was accepted with enthusiasm and thanks. (See page 34.)

Report of W. H. & F. M. Society of California Synod for Year Ending March 31, 1903.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30, 1902.	Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1902.		Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1902.		Quarter Ending March 31, 1903.							Total.
	General Fund.	General Fund.	Jersey City Heights Mission.	General Fund.	Thank-Offering.	General Fund.	Bed in India.	Chicago Immanuel Mission.	India Budget.	Life Membership.	San José Mission.	Synodical Fund.	
Balance												$44 34	$44 34
Alameda						$20 00						3 50	23 50
Los Angeles	$4 65	$5 36		$5 70	$16 17	14 40						5 25	51 53
Oakland	4 50	5 90		5 40	6 65	2 60	$5 50	$5 00	$2 63	*$10 00		3 00	51 18
Riverside	3 10	4 10		4 25	7 11	4 35	5 30	2 50	5 50				36 21
Sacramento (English)	3 05	2 80		2 75	2 00	2 75	5 00	2 00				1 70	22 05
Sacramento (German)	16 20	†48 00		18 00	8 63	‡23 00	5 50	5 00				13 00	137 33
San Diego	90	3 75		1 70	3 00	2 10	5 50	2 50				1 25	20 70
San Francisco (English)	4 20	4 50	$5 00	3 10	2 50	9 10	5 00	5 00			$30 00	5 00	73 40
San Francisco (German)	12 50	12 50		12 50		12 50	5 50		2 00			5 00	62 50
San José	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00				4 00	23 00
Amount received	$51 10	$88 91	$7 00	$55 40	$48 06	$92 80	$47 30	$24 00	$10 13	$10 00	$30 00	$86 04	$545 74
Amount remitted	51 10	88 91	7 00	55 40	48 06	92 80	47 30	24 00	10 13	10 00	30 00		459 70
Amount in Treasury												$86 04	$86 04

Expenses.	
Printing Programmes for Convention	$3 90
President's Expenses	1 65
Historian's Expenses	1 00
Corresponding Secretary's Expenses	4 00
Literature Committee's Expenses	1 53
Total	$12 08

Amount in Treasury	$86 04
Offerings at Convention	15 40
	$101 44
Less Expenses	12 08
	$89 36
Less Treasurer's Expenses	2 00
Amount in Treasury	$87 36

* Life member, Mrs. George W. Flick.
† $25.00 of this amount was bequeathed by Mrs. Steiner and $5.00 contributed by the Y. P. S. C. E.
‡ $5.00 of this amount was contributed by the Y. P. S. C. E.

Miss Rose Hickethier gave an account of faithful work done by the Literature Committee.

The Historian being absent, because of ill health, her report was read by Mrs. Everding.

Miss Hickethier, delegate from Los Angeles, told of their newly organized Young Ladies' Band and of the support of a boy in India by their Woman's Society.

Mrs. Gifford said that the Sacramento English Lutheran Society was making a special study of "Lux Christi."

Mrs. Lothhammer's society (German, Sacramento) is the Banner Society of Synod in amount of money raised. She reported the support of a girl in India and a legacy of $25.00.

Mrs. Hoick, of San Diego, and Mrs. Nelander, of San Francisco, each gave encouraging reports of their respective societies.

Miss Folcke (German, San Francisco) said they had sent a missionary box.

Mrs. Schad of the German Church, Sacramento, reported a membership of forty-five in the Young People's Society.

Mrs. King, Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. Hoskinson told of the good work for missions done by the young people of the churches to which they belong.

"What a Friend we have in Jesus" was sung, and the session was closed with a chain of prayers.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 9.45 A. M.

Devotional service, led by Mrs. King.

Hymn, "Behold a Stranger at the door."

Scripture, Romans xii.

Prayer by Mrs. King.

Hymn, "In the cross of Christ I glory."

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 10 A. M.

Hymn, "I need Thee," was sung, Isaiah vi. 1-6 was read, and prayer offered by Mrs. Oehler.

The roll was called and minutes of Thursday afternoon session read by the Secretary.

The President read the following appointment as made by the Executive Committee on Thursday P. M.:

Committees.

Auditing—Mrs. Oehler, Mrs. Olsen.
President's Address—Mrs. Hoick, Mrs. Hickethier.
Excuses—Mrs. Lothhammer, Mrs. Gifford.
Letters, Greetings, Papers—Mrs. Walling, Mrs. Hoskinson.
Literature Committee's Report—Miss Folcke, Mrs. Rentschler.
Resolutions—Mrs. Everding, Miss Stuber.
Historian's Report—Mrs. King, Miss Stuber.
Page—Mrs. Schad.

Reporters for Press.

City Papers—Miss Hickethier.
Lutheran World—Miss Stuber.
Missionary Journal—Mrs. Hoskinson.
Lutheran Observer—Mrs. Grunewald.
Lutheran Evangelist—Mrs. King.
Zion's Bote—Mrs. Oehler.

Miss Stuber gave a report of the only Junior Society in the Synod doing missionary work, that of the German Church of Sacramento. They have twenty-five active members, and have given $24.88 to missions in the past year.

The Convention Committees reported as follows:

Report of Auditing Committee.

We examined the Treasurer's Report and found it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. OEHLER,
MRS. OLSEN.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

We commend this report of the President for the interesting review of the work of the past year, and heartily endorse all of her official acts.

As a Missionary Society of the Synod of California, we would express our hearty appreciation for the establishment of new missions within our territory, and earnestly hope that the women of these congregations will in the near future join us in organized effort in the extension of mission work.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK,
ROSE E. HICKETHIER.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with gratitude to our God His loving care in the preservation of our lives, and rejoice in the general condition of our missions.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our gratification over the addition of three new missions, and the prospect of new Missionary Societies.

3. *Resolved*, That we advise our different Auxiliaries to make special efforts toward raising the full amount of funds designated for special objects.

4. *Resolved*, That we deeply deplore the death of our noble Western Secretary, Dr. S. B. Barnitz, and that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Barnitz from this convention.

5. *Resolved*, That we regret the absence of our faithful Historian, and that we extend to her our sympathy in her illness.

6. *Resolved*, That we return thanks to the pastor and congregation of the First Lutheran Church of Sacramento for their cordial reception and entertainment, and to the ladies of both churches for their delightful luncheons.

7. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of each Auxiliary be instructed to write a letter of greeting to the new missionaries who may come to California.

8. *Resolved*, That we extend our thanks to the local press for the reports given by them of this convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. EVERDING,
MISS STUBER.

Report of Committee on Historian's Report.

The Historian's Report is complete in every way, showing an increase in both membership and finances.

Respectfully submitted, MISS STUBER,
MRS. KING.

A solo, "Just for To-day," was sung by Mrs. Walling.

A paper on "What Woman Has Done and Can Do" was read by Mrs. Hoick.

Solo by Miss Lulu Lothhammer, "The Angels' Promise."

A paper on "Giving," as one of the "Essentials of Mission Work," was read by Miss Folcke.

The hymn "Hasten Lord, the glorious time," was sung, after which a discussion upon "Our Weak Points and How to Strengthen Them" was opened with a good paper by Mrs. Walling. Nearly all present participated in the discussion.

In response to an invitation presented by Mrs. Everding, the members of the California Synod paid the society a visit, and were given the privilege of the floor. Rev. Gehrcke, President of Synod, spoke of our new missions at San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Pasadena. Rev. Kelly also spoke words of cheer.

An offering of $2.90 was taken, a hymn was sung, and Rev. Gehrcke dismissed the session with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2 P. M.

A memorial service to Dr. S. B. Barnitz was held, Mrs. J. E. Hoick presiding. Hymn, "Lead, kindly Light," was sung, and the following paper prepared by Mrs. Hillerman was read by Mrs. Hoick:

Dr. Samuel B. Barnitz.

It is with feelings of deepest sadness that we meet to engage in a Memorial Service for Dr. Barnitz this afternoon, and to meditate on the heroic soul that has ceased fighting the battles of Home Missions in our beloved land. But with the sorrow and sadness there is mingled a note of triumph as we remember the reward into which he has entered, and the final victory which shall come to the cause of truth that he so strongly championed in his life-work.

Samuel Bacon Barnitz was born in York, Pa., May 12th, 1838, and after a life of unselfish service for mankind, extending over a period of sixty-four years and one month, he fell asleep in Jesus, June 12th, 1902. And with the passing away of Dr. Barnitz there went from us one of the grandly heroic men of history. He may not be as widely known as a Paul, a Luther, a Knox, a Washington, or a Lincoln, because the will of God did not bring him into a

service such as theirs, yet where he labored he served as faithfully and accomplished his work as well as did any of these men. He was a man of ability, peculiarly fitted for the work to which he was called; of deepest earnestness, who looked upon life as too serious a matter for trifling; of greatest unselfishness, thinking less of self and more of others than most men do, ever watchful to assist and minister to those in need. But the curtain of death has fallen about him and veiled him from our sight. His sympathetic handshake, cheering words, and kindly smile are for us no more on this earth. His loss is more than the loss of the ordinary man, and he will be missed not only in the great work of Home Missions as carried on in the United States by our Lutheran Church, but in educational work as well, especially in our smaller colleges, in Sunday school conventions, in affairs of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and Luther League. His presence and advice will be longed for in vain on the floors of District Synods. His pleas for missions and the great West will no longer stir the hearts of members of General Synod in biennial conventions. The blessed memory alone remains of a life which was such a blessing and benediction that "none knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise him."

Dr. Barnitz's entire life of ministerial activity was spent in the work of Home Missions. From 1862 to 1881 he served his first charge, a Home Mission church, in Wheeling, W. Va., and from 1881 to 1902 he filled the office of Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions—the capacity in which most of us came to know him. As we came in contact with him his life proved a real benediction to us, and, as we meditate on his character to-day, may it inspire us to greater diligence and fidelity to the work of our Master.

For practical purposes, the life of Dr. Barnitz may be divided into three nearly equal periods, each about twenty years in extent. The first twenty years were those of preparation, and, like the first forty years of the life of Moses, but little is known of this period.

This preparatory period was completed in Gettysburg College, he having left that institution on account of ill health in 1858. Later he returned to Gettysburg Seminary, graduating from there in 1861. He was licensed in that year, and the following year entered upon his first charge at Wheeling, where he remained for nearly twenty years—the second period. This church was a weak, struggling mission, so located that Dr. Barnitz's labors were chiefly devoted to ministering to the lowly and unfortunate, to whom he absolutely gave himself. No one in grief or distress or need appealed to him in vain, and while he was actively identified with every benevolent and charitable Christian work of the city, he was also the founder of the Children's Home, which has aided and befriended hundreds of children. These years of service at Wheeling were developing in him that thoughtful, unselfish character which so marked him in after-life. Here he learned to carry the joys, the sorrows, the cares, the pleasures, all the experiences of his people in his great heart of love, and this habit grew with him until it became a second nature. A long, patient, and in

many respects wearisome pastorate was spent in this his first and only charge, but all the experiences were only furnishing equipment for the real service of his life—the work of Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

This last period of Dr. Barnitz's life was one of great activity. He traveled hundreds of thousands of miles, preached thousands of sermons, visited countless numbers of homes, and has been an unmeasured blessing wherever he went. During all these years of travel and hardship his great unselfishness was a marked characteristic which distinguished him in his dealings with others. Few there are who think less of self and more of the comfort and pleasure of others than did he. It has been said that one must travel a long journey, with all sorts of inconveniences, to know a man well, and yet those who have had this experience with Dr. Barnitz tell us that he was always the same—forgetting self and aiming to give greater comfort to those who traveled with him. The amount of sympathy and comfort which he dispensed to the sorrowing, the troubled, the desolate and lonely ones whom he met in his travels up and down this land in the interests of Home Missions will never be known until the great books are opened and the records of our lives laid bare, for God alone witnessed every act, and He only can declare them. When he came into the home of the missionary his very presence brought cheer, and with his departure he left such a blessing from his stay that the worker was the stronger and better for his coming. We feel sure that to all who ever had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. Barnitz in their homes he was a most welcome guest. He was ever watchful of the comforts of the missionary's family, and many a hard-working and under-paid pastor has been made to rejoice after his visit, by the reception of a splendid box from the Box-work Committee, or other substantial aid, all inspired by this man of God, who had seen the need and been sent as an angel to supply it. He was always ready to go out of his way to carry a loving message from parents to the son or daughter in the far West, and to take greetings of love back to a father and mother in the old home.

His great faculty for remembering names, faces, and every act of kindness done for him won him many friends even outside of the Lutheran Church. For their love of him, many who were not Lutherans were accustomed to contribute liberally and regularly to the work of Home Missions in our Church and to render assistance to needy churches and pastors. Scores of railroad officials were his most devoted friends, and the wonderful influence which he exerted over these men saved thousands of dollars to the Home Mission Board, for no one in the employ of the Board could travel with as little expense as Dr. Barnitz could. All this influence and power were used only to benefit some one else. What he secured as personal favors was not a drop compared with the ocean of good that he was constantly doing for others with this help.

This one characteristic of love to his fellow-men was second to his deep devotion to the Church of his love. No matter where he went, what he was doing, or in whose company, he was proud to be known as a Lutheran, and his great concern was for the interests and success of the Church of the Ref-

ormation. He was fond of her inspiring order of worship, proud of her history, loyal to her doctrines, and consecrated to her Lord.

His consecration to the service of his Lord and Master was the crowning mark of this noble man—the one thing which caused him to so fully love his fellow-man and that inspired in him such deep devotion to his Church.

He loved the Lord as his dearest friend, and his highest aim was to serve Him. He tried to live as he believed Christ would have lived in his place, and his prayers revealed to those who heard them his intimate fellowship with God. He talked to Him as friend to friend.

And now that he has left us, what is his legacy to us who loved him and the cause for which he labored so faithfully? In departing he left us something more precious than silver or gold, even the privilege of carrying forward the work to which he gave his life.

We cannot put our time, our talents, our gifts to better use, or where they will do more good, than in Home Mission work. The Lutheran Church has done much and could do more were the means forthcoming.

The field is ripe—vast territories full of Lutheran material are unoccupied.

What more fitting words can come to us to-day than the last words which Dr. Barnitz sent to the Church papers—"*Occupy*, OCCUPY, OCCUPY?"

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

Prayers were offered by Mrs. Nelander and Mrs. Everding.

A solo, "The Heavenly Song," by Miss Lulu Lothhammer, closed this service.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2.30 P. M.

Opened with a hymn, Scripture, and a season of prayer, in which all joined, for the General Convention.

Rev. Oehler presented the Synodical Resolutions on Deaconesses. (See page 17, Minutes of Synod.)

The morning's minutes were read and approved.

Roll call.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

We recommend that the excuses sent by absent delegates be accepted.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LOTHHAMMER,
MRS. GIFFORD.

Report of Committee on Literature Committee's Report.

We find that this committee has circulated one hundred and ninety-four tracts. We would recommend a deeper interest in missionary literature.

Respectfully submitted, MISS M. A. FOLCKE,
MRS. GEORGE RENTSCHLER.

There was a discussion on "What Are the Dues of Young People's Societies?" It was decided that the amount could not be fixed, and that Article X. of the Constitution of the General Society relating to this subject should be printed in the Minutes of this Convention. It is as follows:

ARTICLE X.—ORGANIZING NEW SOCIETIES.

SECTION 1. Woman's Societies, Young People's Societies, and Children's Bands, auxiliary to this Society, may be formed by their members adopting the Constitutions prepared respectively for these Auxiliaries, and contributing to the objects under the control of the General Society and the incidental expenses of this Society.

SECTION 2. Any Society of Young People connected with the Lutheran Church may become auxiliary to this Society by electing a Missionary Secretary, who shall send quarterly or annual reports to the Synodical Secretary, by devoting one meeting a month to the subject of missions, and by paying per member a regular sum monthly, or annually, which shall be remitted quarterly to the Synodical Treasurer, to be paid into the General Fund, for the support of our missionaries. Special objects recommended by the Executive Committe shall be provided for otherwise.

A motion was passed refusing to accept the resignation of Mrs. Myers as Historian, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to notify her of the same.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer's request for the suggestion of names of persons for medical doctors for India was considered, but no names suggested.

On motion, the Secretaries of Auxiliaries are asked to send all items of interest concerning their society to Mrs. Shaffer for publication in the *Journal.*

A motion to appoint a Synodical Home Secretary was lost, the feeling being that the time was not yet come for extending the work along this line.

An invitation to meet at Riverside in 1904 was accepted.

On motion, the society endorsed the Deaconess Resolutions of Synod, and resolved to aid in any way and appoint a member to act on Standing Committee, if so desired.

The President appointed Mrs. King on this committee.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

President's railroad traveling, stationery, typewriting	$11 42
Printing programmes	6 25
Corresponding Secretary's expenses	2 50
Historian's expenses	1 25
Total	$21 42

Mrs. Jackson read a paper on "Missions of 1903."

Rev. Crouser, of San José, gave an interesting account of his work in that place.

A paper on "Getting New Members and Keeping Them" was read by Mrs. Oehler.

A motion to pay the balance in the treasury, after the payment of bills, to our delegate to the General Convention, for traveling expenses, was carried. The balance, as paid, was $70.89.

Report of Committee on Letters, Greetings, and Papers.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Conrad and Mrs. Hillerman, of Riverside, and an invitation was extended from this society to meet there next year.

A letter from Miss Sallie Protzman, Secretary of the Home Department of the General Society, asks for the appointment of a Synodical Secretary of that department.

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers sent a letter of greeting, and, on account of ill-health, presented her resignation as the Historian of the Society.

An interesting account of the work at Redlands and San Bernardino was given in a letter from Rev. Vierke.

A paper on "Giving" was presented by Miss Folcke, in which the questions, "Who Shall Give? and How and When to Give?" were answered.

Mrs. Hoick read a paper on "What Woman Has Done and Can Do," in which she gave an encouraging report of the progress of our woman's work for missions.

Mrs. Walling's paper was on "Our Weak Points and How to Strengthen Them." Lack of interest was thought to be our weakest point.

A paper, "Memorial to Dr. Barnitz," by Mrs. Hillerman, contained an account of the unselfish life of that noble man of God, whom we all knew to honor, love, and admire, and we recommend that, if possible, it be printed in the Minutes of this Convention.

Mrs. Jackson's paper, on "Missions of 1903," urged greater interest in the future work.

A paper by Mrs. C. F. Oehler, on "Getting New Members and Keeping Them," suggested the dissemination of literature, frequent announcements by pastor, enthusiasm on part of members, and promptness of the President.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. C. WALLING,
MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON.

Election of officers followed. (See page 28.)

Mrs. Kelly introduced the new President, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, who made remarks appropriate to the occasion. "Blest be the tie" was sung, and the convention closed with prayer by Mrs. Hoick.

EVENING SERVICE.

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

Organ prelude.
Anthem by choir.
Scripture.
Prayer.
Solo, Mrs. J. C. Walling.
Hymn 335, "Christ for the world we sing."
Address, "Lutheran Expansion," Rev. William E. Crouser.
Solo, Mrs. N. Wilson.
Address, "Church Loyalty," Rev. Herbert J. Weaver.
Offertory.
Hymn 286, "My Church, My Church."
Benediction.
Organ postlude.

MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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STATE OF THE CHURCH.

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Rev. C. F. OEHLER. J. A. BOHN.
Dr. G. G. BURNETT.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—San José, Cal.
Time—May 11, 1905.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

Thursday.

7.45 P. M.—SYNODICAL SERMON (BY THE PRESIDENT).

HOLY COMMUNION.

Friday.

9 A. M.—DEVOTIONAL—EXPOSITION OF COL. I.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D.	REV. J. E. HOICK.

2 P. M.—DEVOTIONAL—EXPOSITION OF COL. II.

REV. E. NELANDER, PH. D.	REV. F. C. VIERKE.

3 P. M.—DOCTRINAL—ARTICLES VII. AND VIII., AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

REV. J. E. HOICK.	REV. A. JATHO.

7.45 P. M.—HOME MISSIONS.

"Our Past Successes."

REV. W. L. REMSBERG.	REV. WILLIAM BRANDES.

"Our Present Opportunities."

REV. O. H. GRUVER.	REV. G. H. HILLERMAN.

Saturday.

9 A. M.—DEVOTIONAL—EXPOSITION OF COL. III.

REV. HERMANN GEHRCKE.	REV. S. W. YOUNG.

2 P. M.—DEVOTIONAL—EXPOSITION OF COL. IV.

REV. GEORGE R. BIRD.	REV. W. L. REMSBERG.

7.45 P. M.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. C. F. OEHLER.	REV. P. W. H. FREDERICK.

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RIVERSIDE, CAL., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1904, 8 P. M.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of California Synod assembled in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Riverside, Cal., Rev. George H. Hillerman, pastor.

The liturgical service was in charge of the pastor *loci*, and Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and C. F. Oehler. The Synodical sermon was delivered by the President, Rev. Hermann Gehrcke, from Eph. vi. 10-17, upon the theme, "Forward, Christians, to the fight."

Synodical Communion followed.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1904, 9 A. M.

Synod was regularly opened, with devotional services conducted by the President.

After the reception of lay delegates, the following composed the

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Residence.	Lay.
1836	Samuel Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., *a. e.*	San Diego	No charge.
1870	S. W. Young,* *a. e.*	San José	No charge.
1874	George R. Bird,† *a. e.*	Bakersville	No charge.
1877	Jacob S. Moser, *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	No charge.
1877	Wilson L. Remsberg ‡	Santa Barbara	Harman F. Beier, *a. e.*
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D	Sacramento	Samuel Focht.
1881	J. Schmierer, *a. e.*	Monrovia	No charge.
1885	L. C. Routzahn, *a*	Arroyo Grande	No charge.
1887	Adolf Jatho	Oakland	No delegate.
1888	Charles F. Oehler	Sacramento	Gustav Kroeger, *a.*
1889	Edward Nelander, Ph. D.	San Francisco	Dr. G. G. Burnett.
1889	William Brandes, *a. e.*	Alameda	William Betten, *a. e.*
1892	Hermann Gehrcke	San Francisco	Hans Schultz, *a. e.*
1892	Oscar H. Gruver §	Oakland	J. A. Bohn.
1894	Herbert J. Weaver	Los Angeles	William Bosbyshell.
1894	John Edward Hoick	San Diego	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
1896	George H. Hillerman	Riverside	J. F. Reimer.
1896	F. C. Vierke	Redlands	A. P. Crim.
1898	W. C. Crouser	San José	G. L. Hampton, *a. e.*
1898	Arthur C. Delbo, *a*	Banning	No charge.
1900	P. W. H. Frederick,‖	Pasadena	A. T. Lien, *a.*

a. e. Absent and excused. *a.* Absent and unexcused.
* Received from East Ohio Synod. † Received from Presbyterian Church.
‡ Received from Allegheny Synod. § Received from West Pennsylvania Synod.
‖ Received from Chicago Synod, General Council.

On motion of Rev. G. H. Hillerman, seconded by Rev. W. E. Crouser, it was

Resolved, That the order of business be waived, and that the Committee on Examination for the Ministry be permitted to make a report.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry.

Your committee report that they have an application from Rev. George R. Bird, of the Presbyterian Church, to become a member of the Synod of California.

We request that the matter be taken up in Ministerium, without his presence, as the Constitution requires.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
E. NELANDER,
A. JATHO.

On motion of Dr. P. S. Leisenring, it was

Resolved, That the Examining Committee pursue the regular course in regard to the application of Rev. Bird, and that he be summoned to appear before this convention of Synod.

President's Report.

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

Beloved Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California: We have abundant reason for heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for His goodness to us, as individuals and as a Synod. By His love and mercy we have been spared during the last Synodical year, and we are here to report upon the work of the past; to bear testimony to the loving kindness of God; to deliberate and plan for the work of the coming year. It is the first time that our California Synod meets in this church, which stands to the untiring zeal and energy of this faithful pastor and his devoted people.

Brethren, let us fervently pray that the work of the past may ripen into rich fruitage for the Master's kingdom, and that He may grant us the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the deliberations of this Fourteenth Convention and in all the work of the ensuing year.

Knowing that we have at heart a common cause, that we are bound together by common trials, and that we are looking forward to a common reward, let us stand shoulder to shoulder in pushing forward the heavenly cause that has been entrusted to our care.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the love of the Lord!"

Brethren, the time in which we are living is noted for great activity. A tremendous work is to be done; the field is ripe unto the harvest. Vast territories, full of Lutheran material, are unoccupied; much is done, much more ought to be done, and if we work, harmoniously and energetically, our Lutheran Church will become a mighty force in California for the salvation of men and for the betterment of social and political conditions.

As we look back over the past year and notice the evidences of greater advances, we have abundant reason to exclaim with the Psalmist: "Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people" (Ps. cv. 1).

With pleasure, I therefore submit to you, according to custom, a summary of all my official acts during the Synodical year:

I. DISMISSALS.

At their own request, the following brethren were dismissed to other Synods:

September 14th, 1903, Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, Ph. D., Professor in Wittenberg College, to Wittenberg Synod.

January 21st, 1904, Rev. William Kelly, of Oakland, to the Synod of Kansas.

II. ADMISSIONS.

The following brethren presented dismissals from sister Synods, and were placed on our clerical roll:

July 31st, 1903, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, from the Chicago Synod of the General Council, as pastor of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pasadena.

August 25th, 1903, Rev. S. W. Young, from the East Ohio Synod.

December 19th, 1903, Rev. W. L. Remsberg, from the Allegheny Synod, as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Santa Barbara.

February 1st, 1904, Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, from the West Pennsylvania Synod, as pastor of First English Lutheran Church at Oakland.

III. WITHDRAWAL.

October 8th, 1903, Rev. A. C. Delbo left the Santa Barbara Mission without notifying me.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

January 31st, 1904, according to appointment, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick was installed as pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pasadena, Rev. H. J. Weaver delivering the charge to the pastor, and Rev. George H. Hillerman the charge to the people and also conducted the liturgical service of installation.

February 14th, 1904, Rev. Oscar H. Gruver was installed pastor at Oakland. Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Hermann Gehrcke the charge to the people, and the latter conducted the liturgical service of installation.

V. CORNER-STONES LAID.

November 8th, 1903, the corner-stone for a new church at North Beach, San Francisco, was laid with impressive ceremonies. The pastor, Rev. Adolf Jatho, was assisted in his work by Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., and Hermann Gehrcke.

Sunday, March 20th, 1904, the corner-stone of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Redlands was laid with appropriate ceremonies. Rev. F. C. Vierke, the pastor, had charge of the services, and Rev. G. H. Hillerman preached the sermon. The church will cost about $5,000.00 when completed. The Woman's Executive Committee makes them a donation of $2,000.00.

VI. DEDICATION.

On Sunday, March 13th, 1904, the new St. Andrew's German Lutheran Church at North Beach, San Francisco, was dedicated to the worship of the Triune God. Rev. A. Jatho preached the dedicatory sermon in the forenoon, and Rev. Hermann Gehrcke participated in the services of the day. Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., and Rev. Oscar H. Gruver preached in the evening.

The structure is frame and is Old English in style, 27 by 75 feet, with a seating capacity of about 250 people. Its entire cost is $6,500.00. To assist the congregation in raising this amount, the Woman's Executive Committee made a Christmas offering of $1,500.00; the rest was collected by the members of the congregation. The lot cost $5,200.00, covered by a mortgage. The pastor, Rev. A. Jatho, and his people deserve much credit for their faithful and untiring labors.

VII. DEACONESS WORK.

The first call from our Synod for a deaconess from the Baltimore Motherhouse was crowned with great success. Sister Lydia Perry has done excellent work as deaconess in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Pasadena.

VIII. NEW MISSIONS.

August 27th, 1903, by the authority of Home Mission Committee, Rev. G. H. Hillerman, assisted by Rev. H. J. Weaver, began a canvass of Los Angeles for a second church. They found a promising field. The report of the canvass, with recommendation, was sent to the Board of Home Missions and to the Woman's Executive Committee.

September 28th, 1903, Rev. A. S. Hartman, D. D., in a letter, said that the Board thinks it wise to inaugurate a second church in Los Angeles. There is no doubt the Executive Committee would make an effort to provide the help that may be needed.

After a vacancy of about three months in Santa Barbara, Rev. W. L. Remsberg took up the work there with an appropriation increased to $700.00 per annum.

February 12th, 1904, I received a letter from Rev. Charles F. Oehler, enclosing a letter from a man in Fresno, saying that there were forty-one families who wished to join our Synod. By the authority of the Home Mission Committee, I canvassed the field and found it an exceptionally promising one. I recommended it to the Woman's Executive Committee for an assistance of $35.00 per month, and for an aid of $1,800.00 for the building of a church.

April 4th, 1904, I received a letter from Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, informing me that it will not be possible for the Executive Committee to take up any new work which will necessitate Church Extension aid in the near future.

April 7th, 1904, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer informed me that the Executive Committee seemed favorably inclined to take up the work. A definite answer has not yet arrived.

April 9th, 1904, I again presented the important matter to the Executive Committee, and am awaiting a final answer.

Knowing the absolute necessity of starting a second English Lutheran Church in San Francisco, I submitted a petition to the Woman's Executive Committee, March 25th, 1904, asking them to take up the field either in the southeast or west section of the city, with an appropriation of $1,000.00 per annum.

I regret to say that, in spite of all my communications, neither the Board of Home Missions nor the Woman's Executive Committee is inclined to make a separate field of San Bernardino at the present time, and only if the prospect of growth in San Bernardino is sufficiently encouraging. Long Beach, San Pedro, Marysville, and Eureka seem to be promising fields which ought to be taken up. The Board is not averse to entering Marysville if it is favorably recommended.

Brethren, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Woman's Executive Committee for their deep interest and help in our California work.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

According to the resolution (page 14 of printed Minutes; page 351 of Protocol) to aid the Santa Barbara Mission, the Home Mission Committee deemed it advisable, after much correspondence, to engage Miss T. Sorensen, for two months, at a salary of $40.00 per month. The brethren of the vicinity of Santa Barbara went there to preach and to encourage the people, and during the vacancy the Home Mission Committee appointed Rev. P. W. H. Frederick to fill the pulpit.

Greetings were sent to the Southern California Conference, held in Redlands, in September, 1903, and in Santa Barbara, in January, 1904.

The first convention of the Northern California Conference took place at St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church, in San Francisco, October 20th to 22d, 1903. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Adolf Jatho; Secretary, Rev. W. E. Crouser; Treasurer, Dr. G. G. Burnett. The second convention will be held in St. Andrew's Church, in San Francisco, September, 1904.

October 26th, 1903, I submitted a request of Rev. P. W. H. Frederick to the Executive Committee in reference to an increase of his appropriation.

November 13th, 1903, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer informed me that the Executive Committee had increased the appropriation for Pasadena, $100.00, for the balance of the year.

With deep regret I learned of the death of Mrs. A. V. Hamma, one of the founders of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. We extended our tenderest sympathy to Rev. M. W. Hamma D. D., in his great bereavement. May the dear Lord comfort him and give him strength to bear the cross which He has laid upon him.

Convinced of the fact that a good church paper would be a great blessing to church people, with the help of God I undertook the difficult work of issu-

ing a paper, called *Der Lutherische Friedensbote.* This periodical of eight pages, neat in appearance, newsy, and well managed, is issued monthly.

During the year I had some correspondence with Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D., President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Chicago, in regard to a Lutheran Summer School on the West Coast. I presented the matter to the Chairman of the Committee on the Pacific Coast Theological Seminary.

While we regret the absence of a representative of the Home Mission Board at this convention, we rejoice that the Foreign Mission Board will be represented by the General Secretary, Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D.

And now, my dear brethren, in bringing my report to a close, permit me to thank you most sincerely for the honor conferred in bestowing this office upon me during the Synodical year. By the help of the Lord I tried to perform it with regard to equity, and justice, and to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted, HERMANN GEHRCKE.

On motion, the report was received and referred to the proper committee.

President's Supplemental Report.

(The following supplemental report was received from Rev. H. Gehrcke after close of Synod.—*Secretary*):

April 19th, 1904, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer informed me that the Woman's Executive Committee decided to take up the work at Fresno with an appropriation of $400.00 per annum.

In regard to the new work in San Francisco, the Executive Committee decided to take up a new English Lutheran mission in that city at an appropriation of not more than $600.00 per annum.

Respectfully submitted, HERMAN GEHRCKE.

The Treasurer then read his report, and, on motion, it was received and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix B.)

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a recess of fifteen minutes be taken to allow the President time to appoint his committees.

Upon reconvening the following committees were announced:

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. P. W. H. Frederick and A. Jatho.

2. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. E. Hoick and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

3. *Apportionment*—Rev. W. L. Remsberg and Mr. A. T. Lien.

4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Rev. C. F. Oehler and Mr. William Bosbyshell.

5. *Auditing*—Dr. G. G. Burnett and Mr. J. F. Reimer.

6. *Resolutions*—Rev. O. H. Gruver and Mr. Samuel Focht.

7. *Devotional*—Revs. G. H. Hillerman and H. J. Weaver.

8. *Excess and Deficit*—Rev. F. C. Vierke and Mr. A. P. Crim.

9. *Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. W. E. Crouser and Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

10. *Minutes of Conferences*—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Reporters.

Zionsbote—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Friedensbote—Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Observer—Rev. W. L. Remsberg.

World—Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Evangelist—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Riverside Press—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Riverside Enterprise—Rev. H. J. Weaver.

On motion, the hours of the sessions were set as follows: 9 A. M. to 11.45 A. M., and 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.; the evening sessions to open at 8 P. M.

On motion, it was

Resolved to adjourn until 3 P. M., to allow committees time to prepare their reports.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1904, 3 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. O. H. Gruver.

After calling of the roll, the minutes were read and approved.

Greetings were received from Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D. LL. D., extended by his pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

On motion of Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., a committee composed of Revs. C. F. Oehler and P. W. H. Frederick was appointed to prepare greetings to Dr. Sprecher.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Your Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to present the following report:

There came into your committee's hands fifteen statements from the various pastors representing the condition of their churches. These for the most part were carefully prepared, so as to express the life and growth of their respective congregations. In trying to read their lessons the following facts appear:

1. There has been a substantial increase in the membership of our churches during the year, notwithstanding that three congregations reported a decrease.

2. The work among the young people has shown itself in Sunday schools in each church well organized and having an attendance ranging from 50 per cent. to 90 per cent. There are Young People's Societies in all the churches but four—two of these soon to be organized. These societies are reported as "active," "successful," "encouraging," "fair," and one is characterized as "poor." Catechetical classes for instruction in Christian doctrine were conducted in each church. Besides these there are organized in some churches special Bible Study Classes, Young Men's Clubs, Young Women's Guilds, and Mission Bands. All these facts indicate that our churches are wide awake to the importance of holding the young to and for the Church during the time of their most restless period and in the midst of all sorts of secular attractions.

3. The work in our churches which has been especially delegated to the women is, with one or two exceptions, in excellent condition. Such words as "best in history of church," "very good," "working well," are found in these reports. Every pastor who has been in the work of the Church in this State for any time knows full well how much he has to depend upon the work of the noble women for support.

4. The regular services of our churches are pretty well attended by the members. In nearly all the churches there are midweek prayer meetings, attended by from 10 per cent. to 16⅔ per cent. of the members.

5. The reports show that too few families of our churches take any church papers to make them active, intelligent members, and to keep them wide awake to all the best interests of our Church.

6. The property of our churches is in good condition, and in some cases the indebtedness has been reduced. The weekly or monthly envelope system is generally used in raising money for the expenses of the church. Salaries have been generally paid promptly, and the debts on current expenses, when there are any, are reducing.

7. The apportionment for benevolence has been raised by seven of the thirteen congregations. No statement is made how this money is secured or

whether the days recommended by the Boards are observed. It might be profitable for all to know how each congregation sets about to get this money, and how the benevolent spirit is fostered in our churches.

8. Three young men in our congregations are preparing to enter the Lutheran ministry.

Finally, your committee report that a very encouraging condition of spirituality and activity exists among our churches so far as they are able to judge from these statements received.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER,
WILLIAM BRANDES.

Report adopted.

On motion, the following were at different sessions of the Synod granted the privilege of the floor: Revs. David Magnuson, J. A. Edlund, M. J. Kline, D. D., and Alexander Eakin, and Mr. Henry Trautwein.

The Report of the Committee on Parochial Reports was read by the Secretary in the absence of the Chairman, and adopted, subject to the following resolution (See Appendix D):

On motion of Dr. Nelander, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that San Bernardino be at present considered as a "station," and that the Committee on Parochial Reports be instructed to revise the report to conform therewith.

On motion, it was ordered that the President, Rev. H. Gehrcke, and Rev. A. Jatho be instructed to investigate the outlook for the work in San Bernardino and report immediately to the Home Mission Committee for action.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

Your committee would report that they examined the Minutes of Southern Conference and attended the meetings of Northern Conference. We find that two meetings of Southern Conference were held, one at Redlands in September, 1903, and the other at Santa Barbara, January, 1904; while one meeting of Northern Conference was held in St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, Rev. H. Gehrcke, pastor, in October, 1903. These conferences were well attended, and must have proven a great blessing to the congregations where held.

The new organization at Santa Barbara was kept together during the vacancy

in the pastorate by supplies from members of Southern Conference, holding them up to their duties until the arrival of the present pastor.

Recommendations were made by each conference to the Church Boards with reference to the interests of churches and their territory; and interests pertaining to the general good of our church were looked after. The conferences are educational and generally helpful, and it is hoped every member of Synod may obey the call to these meetings and faithfully attend. They meet a need in our California work, and if faithfully attended will awaken increased interest in Lutheranism.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report adopted.

On motion, the apportionment for Synodical Treasury for the ensuing year was fixed at 9 cents, and for Synodical Home Missions at 10 cents.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be made the order for Friday at 11 A. M. for the Synod's visitation of the Missionary Convention. Also that the President and Dr. G. G. Burnett be the speakers.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the hour of 9.30 A. M., Friday, be set apart to hear the Report of the Committee on the Pacific Coast Theological Seminary.

Report of Committee on North Beach Mission, San Francisco.

Your committee appointed "to confer with the pastor and newly organized congregation of North Beach, San Francisco, and, upon the adoption of the Model Constitution of the General Synod, by said congregation, to receive it as a part of the California Synod" (see printed Minutes, page 11; Protocol, 346), beg to report that said congregation did on June 8th, 1903, pass the following resolutions:

SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 8, 1903.

Resolved, That we, the German Evangelical Lutheran St. Andrew's congregation in San Francisco, join the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California (General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States), by accepting its Constitution and pledging ourselves to send our pastor, and, if possible, a lay delegate to its annual meetings.

Resolved, That Rev. A. Jatho be authorized to inform the Synod of these proceedings, to submit to it our Constitution, and to apply in our name for membership in the Synod at its next meeting.

LOUIS G. THOENE,
JACOB MAAS.

Agreeably to these resolutions, we heartily recommend the application of this congregation to membership in the Synod of California.

Respectfully submitted, E. NELANDER,
H. GEHRCKE.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee has reviewed the President's Report and finds evidence in it that the work entrusted to the President of Synod, which during the year just passed has entailed a great amount of correspondence, has been promptly attended to and faithfully discharged.

It is a matter for congratulation that new fields are opening up, and that thus the work of Synod is growing both in character and extent.

The report shows that we are in danger of having to retrench our missionary activity unless continued assistance in church extension is forthcoming. We would, therefore, respectfully call the attention of Synod to the problem of establishing a more advantageous relation with the Board of Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted, P. W. H. FREDERICK,
A. JATHO.

Report adopted.

On motion, the time of adjournment was extended one-half an hour.

Dr. Hoskinson was called to the chair, and the Committee on Church Extension made its report, consisting of extracts from communications between the President of Synod, on the one hand, and Rev. H. H. Weber, D. D., and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, on the other, with comments thereon by the President.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. C. F. Oehler and unanimously adopted :

In consideration of an agreement between the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Board of Church Extension, that the latter shall not lend aid to any California Mission started by the former ; be it

1. *Resolved*, That we, the members of the California Synod, consider such agreement detrimental to the progress of our missions at the present time ; and

2. *Resolved*, That we implore the Board of Church Extension to reconsider such agreement and to come to the assistance of our needy missions wherever necessity commands, and where the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod cannot give such aid.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. Gehrcke.

SECOND EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1904, 8 O'CLOCK.

Revs. H. J. Weaver and A. Jatho assisted the pastor in conducting the services. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. W. E. Crouser on "Martin Luther, the Hero of Protestanism." Special music was rendered by the German Concordia Society.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1904, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

After roll-call, the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the pastor of Grace Church, San José, be allowed to designate a delegate from his church.

He named Professor G. L. Hampton.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your Committee on Absentees and Excuses report absent from Synod the following clerical members: Revs. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., S. W. Young, J. S. Moser, J. Schmierer, and William Brandes, and the following lay delegates: Messrs. Harman F. Beier, William Betten, H. Schultz, and Professor G. L. Hampton. These brethren have been heard from, and we recommend that they be excused. Revs. L. C. Routzahn and A. C. Delbo and Messrs. Gustav Kroeger and A. T. Lien are absent, but not excused. The following beg to leave Synod before its close, and we recommend that they be excused: Revs. A. Jatho and Charles F. Oehler and Messrs. J. A. Bohn and P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
WILLIAM BOSBYSHELL.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The committee appointed for auditing the Treasurer's books and accounts respectfully report that they have examined the same, checked up the various items, and find everything correct.

Respectfully submitted, G. G. BURNETT,
J. F. REIMER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

As every religious problem is more or less a matter of education, and as no growth is permanent that is not an intelligent one, the crying need of systematic instruction in the activity and operations of our various Boards becomes apparent.

If instead of getting "giving" into our brains we put brains into our giving the problem of the apportionment is solved.

We note with pleasure that there has been a gain in the total amount contributed, but some of the individual causes have suffered.

We recommend that our pastors continue their systematic instruction in the benevolent operations of our Church, and that the special days set apart by our various Boards be observed as far as possible.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your committee would report that they have examined the Minutes of last convention and find a few items there requiring the attention of this body.

1. On page 12 an item calls for the expenditure of $7.50 for the purchase of 100 copies of Dr. David H. Bauslin's book, "Is the Ministry an Attractive Vocation?" to be distributed by the pastors among the young men. Has this been done?

2. On page 15 an item calls for the remittance of the amount of deficit to the General Synod Treasury from the Synodical Fund, and that the churches in arrears be asked to make up the amount. Has this been done?

3. On page 21 a resolution places a special apportionment of twenty cents per member upon our Young People's Societies and Sunday schools for the support of a new mission in this State. Has this been done?

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER,
Chairman.

Report considered *seriatim*.

Answered as follows:

1. Yes.

2. The remittance was made to the General Synod Treasury, but nothing has been received from the churches to replace this amount.

3. Alameda. No.
Los Angeles. In part.
Oakland. No; pastor on field only two months.
Pasadena. No.
Redlands. No.

Riverside. Yes.
Sacramento (English). No.
Sacramento (German). Yes.
San Diego. No.
San Francisco (English). No.
San Francisco (St. Matthew's). No.
San Francisco (St. Andrew's). No.
San José. No.
Santa Barbara. No; pastor on field only part of year.

Report and answers adopted.

Report of Committee on Pacific Coast Theological Seminary.

Your Committee on Pacific Coast Theological Seminary beg to report as follows:

Some correspondence has been had with Rev. J. A. Leas, President of the Pacific Synod (G. C.), relative in part to a proposed summer school in Portland and in part to the larger question of a Lutheran seminary.

In view of the present status of the question, we would propose that a committee be appointed to meet with a like committee from the Pacific Synod, empowered to incorporate a theological seminary on such a basis as may hereafter be agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER,
C. F. OEHLER,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

The above report pending, the Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. A. Jatho, to visit the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society's Convention.

Upon reconvening the time for adjournment had arrived, and Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1904, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. F. C. Vierke.

After the calling of the roll, the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was then introduced to Synod and a recess of

five minutes taken in which to extend to him personal greetings.

The Report of the Committee on the Pacific Coast Theological Seminary was then taken up, and, after extended discussion, adopted.

On motion of Dr. P. S. Leisenring the following were named as the Committee on the Pacific Coast Theological Seminary: Revs. E. Nelander, Ph. D., W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and C. F. Oehler, and Messrs. J. A. Bohn and G. G. Burnett.

On motion, the order of business was changed so as to allow Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., an immediate opportunity to address the Synod and the Missionary Convention on the work of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention then assembled with Synod, and Dr. Kline presented clearly and earnestly the encouragements and discouragements facing the Board and the missionaries in the prosecution of the work in India and Africa.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph O. Reiner, a Senior in the University of California; Mr. Henry F. Wilke, in attendance at the Anderson Academy at Irvington; and Mr. B. Arfsten, Jr., now in Germany, are pursuing studies preparatory to a theological course, and other young men in our churches are feeling called to the work of the Gospel ministry, be it

Resolved, That these young men be the object of our prayers, and that in every way possible we encourage all whom the Lord of the harvest calls.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
H. A. GETZ.

Report adopted.

Greetings to Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D.

Resolved, That with profound pleasure we have received the greetings of our beloved father in Israel, the Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., in San Diego, presented to us through the Rev. J. E. Hoick, and that we, the members of the California Synod, in return send to our reverend brother our most sincere greetings and kindest wishes, with the prayer that our heavenly Father would bless him and sweeten the evening of his life with the peace that passeth all understanding.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
P. W. H. FREDERICK.

Adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be extended to the Board of Foreign Missions for sending to us Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., to represent the Board before this convention and in our churches.

On motion, the invitation extended by Rev. W. E. Crouser to Synod, to meet next year in Grace Lutheran Church, San José, was unanimously accepted.

Two carefully prepared papers were then presented to the consideration of Synod, viz. : Article VI., Augsburg Confession, by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, and Church Benevolence, by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

On motion, the time for adjournment was extended one-half hour.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the fifteen minutes following adjournment be devoted to a session of the Ministerium.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Your delegates to the Forty-first Convention of the General Synod, which met in Baltimore, Md., June 3d to 10th, 1903, beg leave to submit the following report:

All your delegates, viz.: Rev. William Kelly, of Oakland; Rev. J. E. Hoick, of San Diego; Dr. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco; and Mr. J. C. Walling, of Oakland, were present during the entire convention.

The list of delegates numbered 122 clerical and 109 lay members. The communicant membership reported was 209,942, an increase over the preceding biennium of 11,514, almost double the amount of increase reported for the former biennium.

The reports of the various Boards showed gratifying progress along all lines of work, the offerings in some instances being the largest in the history of the work. And yet, despite this fact, it remains to say that every Board reported a deficiency in the apportionment, also that the present success is due in a considerable measure to private benefactions. Notwithstanding the deficiency in the apportionment, some of the Boards presented urgent appeals for an increase in the apportionment. After a lively discussion, the request for an increase of apportionment did not commend itself to the judgment of Synod.

While the reports of all the Boards were surveyed with pleasure, those that received especial consideration were from the Board of Home Missions, Pastors' Fund, and Education. The Home Mission interests showed a most

gratifying and encouraging advance. The consideration of the promising fields was most enthusiastic, the West vied with the East, and the Central States with both. Your delegates are glad to report that the interests of the field in California were earnestly presented and kindly received. Under the direction of a layman, the sum of $2,000.00 was raised for the Pastors' Fund, and the worthy work was heartily espoused. A long step was taken in advance in the case of the Board of Education. It was decided to put a General Secretary in the field, to present in a manner similar to the other Boards the interests of our educational institutions. It was also resolved to make a supreme effort to raise a fund of $1,000,000.00 for education, that our colleges and seminaries might be properly equipped.

Lutheran Unity. A marked movement is to be noted looking toward the spirit and practice of harmony between the three Lutheran bodies co-operating to that end. It was recommended that a common annual meeting be held between the Boards of Missions, Church Extension, and Publication to discuss and plan together regarding matters of interest. This tendency toward unity was manifest in recommendations for the issue of a weekly Sunday school paper, a Sunday school hymnal and service book.

Owing to the decline in the number of students for the ministry, an earnest consideration of the subject was engaged in, and the pastors were urged to use greater efforts to induce young men to enter this holy office.

The unity, progress, and spirit of good-fellowship that everywhere prevailed; the large audiences, inspiring music, and eloquent addresses, with the bountiful hospitality of the Baltimore churches, made the Forty-first Convention of the General Synod one to be long remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
G. G. BURNETT.

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. L. Remsberg.

THIRD EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1904, 8 O'CLOCK.

The address of the evening was on "Gustavus Adolphus, the Saviour of Protestantism," by Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D. The pastor was assisted in the services by Revs. J. A. Edlund and David Magnuson, pastors respectively of the Swedish Lutheran Churches in Los Angeles and Riverside.

Rev. David Magnuson read an original translation of the Swedish poem, "The Meeting of Luther and Gustavus."

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY APRIL 23, 1904, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

After roll-call, the minutes were read and approved.

The order of business being the election of officers for the ensuing year, and of delegates to the Forty-second Convention of the General Synod, the President appointed the following tellers: Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and O. H. Gruver, and Dr. G. G. Burnett, and Mr. A. P. Crim.

The election resulted in the choice of the following officers:

President—Rev. Herbert J. Weaver.

Secretary—Rev. George H. Hillerman.

Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

The election of delegates to the Forty-second Convention of the General Synod resulted as follows, with the number of ballots cast for each person affixed:

PRINCIPALS.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. G. H. Hillerman (15),	Dr. G. G. Burnett (11),
Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D. (11).	Dr. P. S. Leisenring (9).

ALTERNATES.

Rev. Herbert J. Weaver (11),	J. A. Bohn (15),
Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D. (9).	William Bosbyshell (10).

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was ordered to pay the janitor of Trinity Church $5.00, for services during the convention.

On motion, it was ordered that the expenses of the Treasurer, amounting to $6.35, be paid from the Synodical Treasury.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay the Secretary $25.00, for salary for the past year.

The Report of the Committee on Apportionment was received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

The Committee on Letters and Papers would report that there have bee placed in their hands:

1. A communication from the President of the General Synod suggestin that our Synod "take some action forbidding ministers of our Synod fro officiating at a marriage where either party has a husband or a wife livin unless the divorce was granted on account of adultery."

2. A letter from Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D., pastor of the Deaconess Mothe house at Baltimore, requesting Synod's sympathy, counsel, prayers, co-oper tion, and support in the deaconess work.

3. A letter from the Recording Secretary of the Board of Education, r questing Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., to present to Synod the interests that Board.

After duly considering the same, your committee would respectfully recom mend the adoption of the following resolutions on:

1. RE-MARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS.

WHEREAS, The dissolution of the marriage relation upon insufficient ar unscriptural grounds is greatly increasing, thereby menacing the sanctity the home and the sacredness of the marriage relation;

WHEREAS, Action has been taken by the "Inter-Church Conference c Marriage and Divorce," urging "all churches to prohibit their clergy fro solemnizing the marriage of any party who has been divorced contrary to th teachings of our Lord;" therefore, be it

Resolved, That all ministers of the California Synod are hereby forbidde to officiate at a marriage where either party has a husband or a wife livin unless the divorce was granted on account of adultery, and then only of th innocent party.

2. DEACONESS WORK.

WHEREAS, We are assured of the practical benefits of the work of deaco esses in our church activities;

WHEREAS, Sister Lydia Perry, a deaconess from the Motherhouse, has bee laboring effectively among our churches for the past six months, and is prese at the Woman's Missionary Convention; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Sister Lydia Perry be presented to Synod at this time ar invited to briefly address the brethren upon the deaconess work.

Resolved, That we pledge our continued sympathy, prayers, and support this most noble church activity.

Resolved, That, as pastors, we so present the deaconess cause to our peopl in public discourse and private conversation, as to enlist worthy young wom to dedicate their lives to the service.

3. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Resolved, That the Synod listen to Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., who has been delegated to present the cause of the Board of Education to Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
J. A. BOHN.

Considered *seriatim*.

Resolution 1. Adopted.

Resolution 2. Adopted.

Resolution 3. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

In accordance with Resolutions 2 and 3, Sister Lydia Perry addressed the Synod on the work of the Deaconess Board; and Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., presented the claims of the Board of Education.

The Report of the Committee on Excess and Deficit was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On motion of the Secretary, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that Resolution 3, on Deaconesses, on page 17 of the printed Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Convention of California Synod, means all the expenses of such a deaconess, including the annual remittance to the Motherhouse, and railroad fare between the different congregations, as well as across the continent, leaving only the maintenance and incidentals to be borne by the congregation where the deaconess is at labor.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to transfer the moneys now in the Ministerial Education Fund to Synodical Home Missions.

Report of Devotional Committee.

In view of the fact that California Synod, of late years, seems to have departed somewhat from the pietistic conceptions of our Church, in that the devotional services at the opening of the sessions have taken second place in our regard, your committee would make the following recommendation:

That, at least, one-half an hour at the opening of each session be set aside for a purely devotional service, and that this service be considered as important in the eyes of Synod as the business sessions themselves.

The following assignments have been made for the Sunday services:

Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D. 9.30 A. M. Sunday School. 10.45 A. M. Trinity Lutheran Church. 3.30 P. M. Young Men's Christian Association. 7.45 P. M. Public service, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D. 11 A. M. Swedish Lutheran Church, Los Angeles. 7.30 P. M. First English Lutheran Church, San Diego. Monday Evening, Swedish Lutheran Church, Riverside.

Rev. W. E. Crouser. 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles.

Rev. H. Gehrcke. 11 A. M. First Lutheran Church, Redlands.

Rev. A. Jatho. 3 P. M. First Lutheran Church, San Bernardino.

Rev. George R. Bird. 10.45 A. M. First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. P. W. H. Frederick. 8 P. M. Swedish Lutheran Church.

Rev. J. E. Hoick. 10.45 A. M. United Brethren Church.

Rev. O. H. Gruver. 10.45 A. M. Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg. 10.45 A. M. Baptist Church. 7 P. M. Luther League.

Rev. H. J. Weaver. 10.45 A. M. Congregational Church. 7 P. M. Luther League.

Dr. G. G. Burnett. 9.30 A. M. Sunday school. 2.30 P. M. Junior Young Men's Christian Association.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

Report adopted.

Rev. W. E. Crouser in the chair, the Home Mission Committee presented its report.

Time of adjournment extended ten minutes.

The Home Mission Report pending, on motion, Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. George R. Bird, to meet at 1.15 P. M.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1904, 1.15 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

After calling of roll, Rev. O. H. Gruver was called to the chair, and Rev. H. Gehrcke submitted the Report of the Committee on Home Missions.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions beg to submit the following report:

1. *San Jose.*—This mission has gone through a great many difficulties, but is now again in a much better condition. Although the facts and figures given do not seem to justify this assertion, the mission in reality has gained. For local expenses, the mission raised $1,062.00 during the last year; $200.00 have been paid on the church note. Sunday school work is in good shape, attendance increasing, and the outlook for the coming year better than before.

2. *Redlands and San Bernardino.*—Redlands has grown in numbers and also spiritually, forty-three members being reported. The 20th of March the corner-stone of the new church building was laid, and the congregation expects to move into the new building by the 15th of June.

San Bernardino is not doing so well and requires more work than at the present time can be given to this mission.

3. *Santa Barbara.*—Unfavorable circumstances made it impossible for this mission to make such an advance as we might have expected. The first pastor left the field very suddenly, and, although the committee had provided for services in this mission during the vacancy, the work was hampered considerably by this occurrence. Brother Remsberg took charge of the field the 18th of December, 1903, and since that time eighteen members have been added, Sunday school doubled, and audiences are encouraging. We hope and pray that, under the efficient supervision of the present pastor, the church may grow prosperously.

4. *San Francisco, St. Andrew's.*—This mission is more than holding its own. The last year has been a blessed one for the congregation. A house of worship has been erected and dedicated to the worship of the Triune God; the value of the building is $14,000.00. Through the aid of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, which donated $1,500.00, and the strenuous efforts of the members, it was possible to pay off a good amount of this, and a debt of only $5,300.00 is left. Membership and attendance are growing, attendance much better now than ever before; Sunday school improving splendidly; a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society organized, with seventeen members; a Young People's Society, with twenty-four members; apportionment raised.

5. *Riverside.*—Improvements are reported by this mission along all lines. Membership growing; the new church building in good condition; finances in better shape than ever before; and the activity the best in the history of the church. Apportionment has been raised with excess on every item.

6. *Oakland.*—The Oakland Mission is in pretty good condition, spiritually and financially. The membership is 90 in the church, 140 scholars enrolled in the Sunday school, and 27 in the Endeavor Society; all these, with the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, are in good condition. The affairs of the church are hopeful, and confidence is established. There are

some debts, which are being arranged for, and will be paid we hope bef long. The catechetical class will be confirmed on Whitsunday.

7. *Pasadena*.—The pastor reports that this mission was organized Aug 2d, 1903, with 23 members; since then, 11 have been received. The peo have been raising $11.00 a month toward salary, and have pledged to do t same this year, and will likely pay somewhat more; $430.00 has b subscribed toward a lot, and the prospect for the future is good and promisi

8. *San Diego*.—The past year has been marked by encouraging succe Improvements to the cost of $300.00 were made by the installation of an i proved heating plant. The church membership shows an increase of 9, bei at present 100 members. The work of the Sunday school has shown mark improvement in interest and attendance. All other organizations are in go condition.

While we rejoice that the outlook of these missions is good and new fie are opening with a bright future in view, and the Woman's Home and Forei Missionary Society's Executive Committee as well as the Board of Ho Missions are willing and feel inclined to take up new missions in Los A geles and San Francisco, it is with the greatest regret that these Boards ca not see their way clear to take up a field as promising as Fresno, because t mission may necessitate Church Extension aid in the near future, and t Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society feels itself unable to prom such aid, on account of too much such work on hand at the present. It our earnest conviction that this field should be taken up without fail. T mission is willing to raise $25.00 per month toward the pastor's salary, a we cannot see how our Church and our Boards can refuse it. Is it not bet to take up fields which are ripe unto the harvest, ready to support the chu immediately, to organize with a membership of 70 to 100 members, and ma efforts right away toward erecting a church of their own, than to prefer take up fields which necessitate hard work for many years, assistance and for those years, before they are in the position to ask aid in Church Exte sion work?

Respectfully submitted,

H. GEHRCKE,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
E. NELANDER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to present the following:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod heartily appreciates the generous recepti and entertainment of Trinity Lutheran Church of Riverside, and that express our thanks for the same to both pastor and congregation, who did much to make our sojourn with them pleasant and profitable. We also tha the choir and Concordia Society for their excellent music, and the daily pap of Riverside for their good reports of our proceedings.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod, realizing the necessity of opening up new fields of mission work in California, and recognizing that the time has come for us to take up such work as a Synod and to support at least one missionary on our own territory, do apportion twenty cents per member on our Sunday school enrollment, to be raised by our Young People's Societies and Sunday schools for this purpose during the present year, and that the Synodical Home Mission Committee be authorized to take steps to establish such a mission in the near future, preferably Fresno.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod endorse the efforts of the Anti-Saloon League in its fight against the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and that, as pastors and congregations, we co-operate with this organization to the purpose of establishing true temperance.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER,
SAMUEL FOCHT.

Considered *seriatim*.

Item 1. Adopted, and ordered read before Trinity Lutheran congregation on Sunday evening.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Dr. Nelander gave an oral report of the Deaconess Committee, and this report was accepted with the understanding that the written report be sent to the Secretary for publication in the minutes.

Report of Deaconess Committee.

In accordance with the resolutions of last Synod to procure a Synodical Deaconess, your committee opened correspondence with the Motherhouse in Baltimore with the result that the Deaconess Board kindly granted our request, and, in November last, commissioned Sister Lydia Perry, a consecrated deaconess, to aid our California churches in missionary work. Sister Lydia arrived in San Diego, November 29th, and here served the interests of our First English Lutheran Church to best advantage. Afterward she labored with great fidelity in our churches at Pasadena and Los Angeles, and again in San Diego.

As Sister Lydia is now ready to aid our Northern California churches, we *recommend* that these churches now avail themselves of this opportunity and engage the valuable services of Sister Lydia; that we extend the thanks of the California Synod to the Deaconess Committee of the General Synod, and to the Officers of the Motherhouse, for their interest shown in our particular work.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
E. NELANDER,
H. J. WEAVER.

On motion of Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, it was

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Synod that all pastors remain over Sunday, and that no arrangements be made for supplying adjacent pulpits without consulting the pastor *loci*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in Grace Lutheran Church, San José, on the third Thursday after Easter, 1905, being May 11th.

The Secretary was instructed to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

The minutes were then read and approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned with the forms prescribed by the General Synod.

I hereby certify the above to be a correct report of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of California Synod.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

RIVERSIDE, CAL., FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1904, 5.30 P. M.

Ministerium called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., Chairman of the Examining Committee, reported that in obedience to the order of Synod he had sent for Rev. George R. Bird, and that he is present and ready for examination.

On motion of Dr. Nelander, it was ordered that the applicant be brought before the Ministerium, and that Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., be examiner on behalf of the Ministerium.

The applicant, Rev. George R. Bird, was brought before the Ministerium and closely examined as to his reasons for desiring to enter the Lutheran ministry and as to his doctrinal fitness to be received.

Moved by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., that the credentials of Rev. George R. Bird be accepted by the Ministerium, and that his name be entered on the roll of California Synod.

This motion under discussion, the Ministerium adjourned, with prayer by Rev. O. H. Gruver, to meet after the evening services.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1904, 9.30 P. M.

Ministerium called to order with twelve pastors present.

Prayer by Rev. W. L. Remsberg.

After further discussion, the motion of Rev. W. S. Hoskinson,

D. D., to admit Rev. George R. Bird to the Lutheran ministry was carried.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to write to the unexcused clerical brethren, notifying them of our Synodical requirement concerning attendance on conferences of Synod, and urging attendance or excuse.

Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1904-1905.

	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	S. S. and Y. P. S. Home Missions.*	Grand Totals.
Rate	....	.02	.09	.28	.20	.20	.12	.07	.07	.05	.10	†.20	
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	65	$1 30	$5 85	$18 20	$13 00	$13 00	$7 80	$4 55	$4 55	$3 25	$6 50	$15 00	$93 00
Los Angeles, Rev. Weaver	280	5 60	25 20	78 40	56 00	56 00	33 60	19 60	19 60	14 00	28 00	34 40	370 40
Oakland, Rev. Gruver	90	1 80	8 10	25 20	18 00	18 00	10 80	6 30	6 30	4 50	9 00	32 00	140 00
Pasadena, Rev. Frederick	34	68	3 06	9 52	6 80	6 80	4 08	2 38	2 38	1 70	3 40	8 20	49 00
Redlands, Rev. Vierke	43	86	3 87	12 04	8 60	8 60	5 16	3 01	3 01	2 15	4 30	7 80	59 40
Riverside, Rev. Hillerman	72	1 44	6 48	20 16	14 40	14 40	8 64	5 04	5 04	3 60	7 20	22 00	108 40
Sacramento, Dr. Hoskinson	138	2 76	12 42	38 64	27 60	27 60	16 56	9 66	9 66	6 90	13 80	34 80	200 40
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	310	6 20	27 90	86 80	62 00	62 00	37 20	21 70	21 70	15 50	31 00	46 00	418 00
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	100	2 00	9 00	28 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	10 00	24 00	144 00
San Francisco, Dr. Nelander	283	5 66	25 47	79 24	56 60	56 60	33 96	19 81	19 81	14 15	28 30	34 20	373 80
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	96	1 92	8 64	26 88	19 20	19 20	11 52	6 72	6 72	4 80	9 60	18 00	133 20
San Francisco, Rev. Jatho	32	64	2 88	8 96	6 40	6 40	3 84	2 24	2 24	1 60	3 20	24 20	62 60
San José, Rev. Crouser	60	1 20	5 40	16 80	12 00	12 00	7 20	4 20	4 20	3 00	6 00	18 40	90 40
Santa Barbara, Rev. Remsberg	24	48	2 16	6 72	4 80	4 80	2 88	1 68	1 68	1 20	2 40	8 40	37 20
Itemized Totals	1627	$32 54	$146 43	$455 56	$325 40	$325 40	$195 24	$113 89	$113 89	$81 35	$162 70	$327 40	$2279 80

* This column entered by Secretary on authority of the President.

† On total enrollment of the Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. REMSBERG, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX B.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 25, 1903, to April 20, 1904.*

Congregations.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Missions.	Y. P. S. and S. S. Missions.	Totals.
To Balance	.....	$46 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	$142 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	$68 54	.....	$257 05
Alameda	$1 75	4 65	$16 25	$6 00	$6 00	$3 00	.....	$3 25	.....	$2 10	$2 00	3 50	.....	48 50
Los Angeles	8 00	20 80	72 80	53 00	53 00	32 00	.....	19 00	$5 00	19 00	14 00	26 00	$29 00	351 60
Oakland	3 60	7 76	34 16	16 00	20 00	5 05	.....	.....	.....	4 23	.....	12 20	.....	103 00
Pasadena	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 55	.....	.....	2 75	.....	16 30
Redlands	1 02	2 75	11 33	7 59	8 54	4 08	.....	2 38	9 75	2 38	1 70	3 45	.....	54 97
Riverside	1 70	4 60	20 50	23 20	15 20	7 00	.....	4 00	.....	4 00	2 85	5 75	28 80	117 60
Sacramento (English)	4 20	5 00	33 46	12 80	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 20	.....	77 66
Sacramento (German)	7 26	19 36	67 76	73 40	48 40	35 00	.....	16 94	.....	16 94	12 10	31 20	45 29	373 65
San Diego	2 73	7 28	25 48	18 20	18 20	10 92	.....	6 37	.....	6 37	4 55	9 10	.....	109 20
San Francisco (English)	....	22 24	77 84	.....	27 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 05
San Francisco (German)	2 55	6 80	24 10	5 00	7 00	1 10	.....	75	.....	1 20	.....	12 20	.....	60 70
Santa Barbara	33	88	3 08	2 20	2 20	1 32	.....	77	.....	77	55	1 10	.....	13 20
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	75	2 00	7 30	5 00	5 00	3 00	.....	1 75	.....	1 75	1 25	2 50	.....	30 30
San José	1 80	4 80	16 80	12 00	12 00	7 20	.....	4 20	.....	4 20	3 00	6 00	.....	72 00
Rev. Schmierer	50	50	1 00	2 00	50	50	.....	50	50	50	50	1 00	.....	8 00
Rev. L. C. Routzahn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Synodical Treasurer	11 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 01
Amount received	$47 20	$155 78	$416 86	$236 39	$232 01	$110 17	$142 15	$59 91	$23 80	$63 44	$42 50	$209 49	$103 09	$1842 79
Amount remitted	47 20	144 54	416 86	236 39	232 01	110 17	.....	59 91	23 80	63 44	42 50	161 70	.....	1538 52
Difference	.....	$11 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	$142 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	$47 79	$103 09	$304 27

Janitor at Sacramento	$5 00
Rev. Hillerman	25 00
Expressage	30
Treasurer General Synod	11 01
The Lutheran Publication Society, for printing Minutes, etc.	92 23
For printing postal cards	3 00
Treasurer's expenses	8 00
Total	$144 54
On hand in Synodical Treasury	11 24
	$155 78

Received for Synodical Treasurer $155 78

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*

	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$1 75	$0 01	.....	$4 65	$0 01	.....	$16 25	$0 01	.....	$6 00	.....	$5 60	$6 00	.....	$5 60	$3 00	.....	$3 96
Los Angeles	8 00	20	.....	20 80	.....	.....	72 80	.....	.....	53 00	$1 00	.....	53 00	$1 00	.....	32 00	$0 80	.....
Oakland	3 60	.....	$0 06	7 76	.....	$2 00	34 16	.....	.....	16 00	.....	8 40	20 00	.....	4 40	5 05	.....	9 59
Pasadena	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Redlands	1 02	.....	.....	2 75	03	.....	11 33	1 81	.....	7 59	79	.....	8 54	1 74	.....	4 08	.....	.....
Riverside	1 70	02	.....	4 60	12	.....	20 50	4 82	.....	23 20	12 00	.....	15 20	4 00	.....	7 00	28	.....
Sacramento (English)	4 20	.....	.....	5 00	.....	6 20	33 46	.....	5 74	12 80	.....	15 20	8 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	16 80
Sacramento (German)	7 26	.....	.....	19 36	.....	.....	67 76	.....	.....	73 40	25 00	.....	48 40	.....	.....	35 00	5 96	.....
San Diego	2 73	.....	.....	7 28	.....	.....	25 48	.....	.....	18 20	.....	.....	18 20	.....	.....	10 92	.....	.....
San Francisco (English)	.....	.....	8 34	22 24	.....	.....	77 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 60	27 97	.....	27 63	.....	.....	33 36
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	2 55	.....	.....	6 80	.....	.....	24 10	30	.....	5 00	.....	12 00	7 00	.....	10 00	1 10	.....	9 10
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	75	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	7 30	30	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....
San José	1 80	.....	1 62	4 80	.....	4 32	16 80	.....	15 12	12 00	.....	10 80	12 00	.....	10 80	7 20	.....	6 48
Santa Barbara	33	.....	.....	88	.....	.....	3 08	.....	.....	2 20	.....	.....	2 20	.....	.....	1 32	.....	.....
Rev. J. Schmierer	50	50	.....	50	50	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	50	50	.....	50	50	.....
Rev. L. C. Routzahn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Net Totals	$36 19	.....	$9 29	$109 42	.....	$11 86	$416 86	.....	$7 62	$236 39	.....	$66 81	$232 01	.....	$71 19	$110 17	.....	$71 75

	Pastors' Fund.			Deaconess Board.			Home for the Aged.			Synodical Home Missions.			Grand Total.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$3 25	.....	$0 81	$2 10	.....	$1 96	$2 00	.....	$0 90	$3 50	.....	$2 30	$48 50	$0 03	$21 13
Los Angeles	19 00	$0 80	.....	19 00	$0 80	.....	14 00	$1 00	.....	26 00	.....	.....	317 60	5 60	.....
Oakland	.....	.....	8 54	4 23	.....	4 31	.....	.....	6 10	12 20	.....	.....	103 00	.....	43 40
Pasadena	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	$2 75	.....	7 75	7 75	.....
Redlands	2 38	.....	.....	2 38	.....	.....	1 70	.....	.....	3 45	05	.....	45 22	4 42	.....
Riverside	4 00	08	.....	4 00	08	.....	2 85	05	.....	5 75	15	.....	88 80	21 60	.....
Sacramento (English)	.....	.....	9 80	.....	.....	9 80	.....	.....	7 00	14 20	20	.....	77 76	20	90 54
Sacramento (German)	16 94	.....	.....	16 94	.....	.....	12 10	.....	.....	31 20	7 00	.....	328 36	37 96	.....
San Diego	6 37	.....	.....	6 37	.....	.....	4 55	.....	.....	9 10	.....	.....	109 20	.....	.....
San Francisco (English)	.....	.....	19 46	.....	.....	19 46	.....	.....	13 90	.....	.....	27 80	128 05	.....	205 55
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	75	.....	5 20	1 20	.....	4 75	.....	.....	4 25	12 20	3 70	.....	60 70	4 00	45 30
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	1 75	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	30 30	30	.....
San José	4 20	.....	3 78	4 20	.....	3 78	3 00	.....	2 70	6 00	.....	5 40	72 00	.....	64 80
Santa Barbara	77	.....	.....	77	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....	13 20	.....	.....
Rev. J. Schmierer	50	50	.....	50	50	.....	50	50	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	7 50	7 50	.....
Rev. L. C. Routzahn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....
Net Totals	$59 91	.....	$46 21	$63 44	.....	$42 68	$42 50	.....	$33 30	$140 95	.....	$10 65	$1447 84	.....	$371 36

Respectfully submitted, F. C. VIERKE, A. P. CRIM.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Baptized but Unconfirmed Membership.	Total Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
		PAROCHIAL.																			
Alameda, Rev. William Brandes, 753 Railroad Ave.	Christ's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	..	..	16	2	....	....	13	....	8	1	..	65	...	65	$2600 00	$1000 00	$813 00	1
Los Angeles, Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, 1001 West Eighth St.	First Eng. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	20	....	7	38	12	4	30	27	4	280	75	355	30000 00	3500 00	2131 65	2
Oakland, Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, Sixteenth and Grove Sts.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	.	2	2	12	....	1	36	4	....	....	5	..	90	40	130	22000 00	7500 00	1521 93	3
Pasadena, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, 321 North Madison Ave.	Trinity Ev. Lutheran.*	1	..	..	..	6	....	....	....	1	....	2	20	12	34	29	63	.....	.....	213 90	4
Redlands, Rev. F. C. Vierke, 320 Sylveria St.	First Ev. Lutheran	1	1	1	..	8	....	5	....	3	....	....	12	2	43	72	115	4000 00	1000 00	481 30	5
Riverside, Rev. George H. Hillerman, 995 Locust St.	Trinity Ev. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	5	1	9	1	10	3	2	11	11	72	47	119	5200 00	.....	638 29	6
Sacramento, Rev. W. S Hoskinson, D. D., 1415 Eighteenth St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	2	..	16	3	2	1	22	....	....	....	4	138	122	260	18000 00	2000 00	1692 95	7
Sacramento, Rev. Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St.	German Lutheran	1	1	2	..	42	11	....	3	41	2	74	1	5	310	303	613	20000 00	.....	2768 75	8
San Diego, Rev. John Edward Hoick, 1406 Third St.	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	10	1	2	8	4	....	9	10	1	100	36	136	15000 00	2300 00	1132 40	9
San Francisco, Rev. Edward Nelander, Ph. D., 1319 Geary St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	1	30	2	9	35	63	2	30	15	4	283	272	555	55000 00	8700 00	3162 80	10
San Francisco, Rev. Hermann Gehrcke, 785 Golden Gate Ave.	St. Matthew's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	1	12	1	3	....	33	1	12	2	..	96	114	210	6000 00	.....	2275 50	11
San Francisco, Rev. Adolf Jatho, 1322 Adeline St., Oakland	St. Andrew's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	5	2	1	1	13	....	3	....	8	32	104	136	14000 00	5300 00	615 00	12
San José, Rev. W. E. Crouser, 558 N. Fourth St.	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	14	2	2	63	3	3	10	....	..	60	50	110	15000 00	2810 00	1062 00	13
Santa Barbara, Rev. Wilson L. Remsberg, 419 West Canon Perdido St.	Grace Lutheran	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	5	1	....	....	18	..	24	16	40	.....	.....	147 00	14
Totals for 1904	.....	14	4	16	4	196	25	41	191	223	15	180	122	51	1627	1280	2907	$206800 00	$34110 00	$18656 47	15
Totals for 1903		13	3	17	3	158	26	27	93	207	14	180	67	36	1516	1068	2570	100200 00	26600 00	9988 00	16

Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	7	68	$37 00	$13 00	....	.....	.....	$1 75	$4 65	$19 75	$6 00	$6 00	$3 00	.....	$17 95	$3 25	.....	$2 10	$2 00	.....	$66 45	$879 45
2	1	22	150	180 10	85 70	41	$5 78	$5 00	8 00	20 80	244 30	53 00	53 00	32 00	.....	82 46	19 00	$5 00	19 00	14 00	$12 50	563 06	2694 71
3	1	20	140	216 42	20 48	27	29 00	.....	3 60	7 76	34 16	16 00	20 00	5 05	.....	30 00	.....	.....	4 23	.....	22 00	142 80	1664 73
4	1	5	36	11 04	8 55	....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 55	.....	.....	5 00	21 30	235 20
5	1	5	34	59 40	11 89	36	54 40	.....	1 02	2 75	14 78	7 59	8 54	4 08	.....	.....	2 38	9 75	2 38	1 70	14 35	69 32	550 62
6	1	15	95	75 89	46 20	24	2 90	4 90	1 70	4 60	73 60	23 20	15 20	7 00	.....	61 10	4 00	36 75	4 00	2 85	15 10	249 10	887 39
7	1	14	160	135 00	22 58	30	15 45	6 00	4 20	5 00	50 46	12 80	8 00	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	150 46	1843 41
8	1	15	215	308 35	90 27	59	60 20	33 00	7 26	19 30	67 76	73 40	48 40	35 00	.....	204 26	16 94	.....	16 94	12 10	331 99	833 35	3602 10
9	1	16	104	106 30	79 27	20	15 50	21 00	2 73	7 28	34 58	18 20	18 20	10 92	.....	28 00	6 37	.....	6 37	4 55	4 00	141 20	1273 60
10	1	20	151	281 00	129 05	41	8 50	20 00	.....	22 24	77 84	.....	27 97	.....	.....	66 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	494 95	3657 75
11	1	10	80	132 25	.....	32	14 50	.....	2 55	6 80	36 30	45 00	47 50	1 10	.....	79 20	75	.....	1 20	.....	.....	220 40	2495 90
12	1	11	110	107 00	13 75	....	.....	.....	75	2 00	9 80	5 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 75	.....	1 75	1 25	.....	30 30	645 30
13	1	12	80	109 75	30 75	20	5 00	2 00	1 80	4 80	16 80	12 00	12 00	7 20	.....	17 00	4 20	.....	4 20	3 00	13 25	96 25	1158 25
14	1	7	35	15 48	4 50	...	.....	.....	33	88	4 18	2 20	2 20	1 32	.....	.....	77	.....	77	55	.....	13 20	160 20
15	14	179	1458	1774 98	555 99	330	211 23	91 90	35 69	111 61	689 31	274 39	272 01	109 67	.....	616 87	59 41	60 05	62 94	42 00	758 19	3092 14	21748 61
16	12	165	1490	1619 93	350 98	326	259 87	103 75	41 61	101 53	477 60	283 30	263 30	134 67	.....	637 75	76 09	49 70	79 59	54 10	570 70	2769 94	26092 02
17	2	14	...	$155 05	$205 01	4			.....	$10 08	$211 71	.....	$8 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	$10 35	.....	.....	$187 49	$322 20	.....
18	..	...	32	.....	.....	...	$48 64	$11 85	$5 92	.....	.....	$8 91	.....	$25 00	.....	$20 88	$16 68	.....	$16 65	$12 10	.....	.....	$4343 41

Respectfully submitted, J. W. FRICKE, *Chairman.*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

FIRST SESSION.

RIVERSIDE, CAL., THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1904, 9.30 A. M.

According to appointment, the first session of the Thirteenth Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod opened at 9.30 A. M., April 21st, 1904, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, Cal., with the President, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, presiding.

The consecration service was conducted by Mrs. Hoick. Theme: *Carest Thou not that we perish?*

The Secretary being absent, Mrs. W. S. Fry of Riverside, Cal., was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

Credentials were received, and the following delegates and officers were enrolled:

Alameda—Mrs. E. Jungbluth (*a. e.*) and Mrs. Hamilton (*a. e.*).

Los Angeles—Mrs. H. Trautwein.

Mission Band—Miss Floy M. Row.

Riverside—Mrs. J. F. Reimer and Mrs. W. S. Fry.

San Diego—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. F. P. Davidson (*a. e.*), and Miss Lou Leisenring (*a. e.*).

San Francisco, English—Mrs. G. G. Burnett and Miss Jennie Burnett.

Sacramento, English—Mrs. Cora Zwicker and Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson (*a. e.*).

Christian Endeavor Society—Miss Emma Gluesing.

Sacramento, German—Mrs. Gustav Kroeger (*a. e.*).

Ministers wives present: Mrs. Hillerman, Mrs. Jatho, Mrs. Frederick, Mrs. Vierke, and Mrs. Kline, also Sister Lydia Perry.

Other visitors: Mrs. Riener, Pasadena; Mrs. Gustav Palmer, Santa Barbara; Mrs. Bosbyshell and Mrs. Winter, Los Angeles.

After reading of Rules of Order by Secretary, the President declared the Convention organized.

A very cordial greeting was then given by Mrs. Hillerman, and response by Miss Jennie Burnett.

After the singing of "From all who dwell below," the President then read her annual report.

President's Report.

DEAR SISTERS AND CO-WORKERS: With thanksgiving to God for granting the privilege of this meeting, your co-laborer in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of our beloved Lutheran Church greets you in this Thirteenth Annual Convention. We have not assembled for social entertainment, not merely for the purpose of renewing old acquaintances or of making new ones; but to note the progress of the different phases of the work and to thoughtfully and prayerfully plan for increased usefulness in the future. May

our mingling together be both pleasant and profitable ; may it be a mount of inspiration, a time when we shall all be stimulated to attempt greater things for the Master than ever before. The fact that from year to year we meet in beautiful churches, which stand as monuments to woman's effort and devotion, should be a cause on our behalf for great rejoicing, as well as an incentive for renewed zeal.

OUR SYNODICAL WORK.

Our field is wide, fertile, and productive ; one that is envied by many not so pleasantly located. California is a much-lauded land of fruit and flower and sunny clime, of forest and mountain, of shore and sea-girt isle. Truly we have a goodly heritage ; for this Golden State possesses everything that has been credited to it. These many attractions present to us great spiritual opportunities, inasmuch as large numbers of people are continually coming to this favored clime.

New Society.—We are happy to announce a new star in our Synodical constellation. North Beach, San Francisco, the infant church of our State, organized a vigorous society of seventeen members on April 8th. We extend a cordial welcome to this new band of workers, and pray they may be richly rewarded as they labor with us in the vineyard of the Lord.

During the past year it has been the earnest desire of your President to see societies organized in the mission congregations which are at Pasadena, Santa Barbara, and Redlands, as well as at North Beach. Correspondence with this end in view has been exchanged, and we trust the women of these congregations will follow the example of this sister church and fall in line with us.

Encouragements.—Several letters have been received from the various societies, which contain a ring of hope and cheer. Many have reorganized and revived their interest ; others state they have received new life with the coming spring ; while still another is glad to tell of more new members received this last year than during any previous year. These messages are encouraging and cause us to rejoice in the advancement of the work.

Conferences.—It is an evidence of progress that two conferences are being held, one in the northern and one in the southern part of the State. I was glad to learn of the gathering in the San Francisco church in February.

The women of the southern part of the State have been invited by the Southern Conference of our Synod to join with them in their fall meeting. Each society is requested to send a delegate and a part of the program is to be reserved for the women. This undoubtedly will be the means of strengthening all of our workers.

Our Funds.—We have had a very good year financially. Many of the societies are aiding their local churches, consequently cannot contribute for all the various objects as they otherwise would. Our Thank-offering was larger than that of the previous year, but some of the other funds have not received the support they deserved.

Silver Jubilee Offering.—Apparently there has been little interest mani-

fested in this fund, as only a few societies contributed toward it. It is a most worthy object. The work in India and Africa, as well as in the home field, will be extended and enlarged by this SILVER JUBILEE OFFERING OF $25,000.00 which is being raised as an appropriate manner of celebrating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the General Society. It is hoped that during this coming year more enthusiasm will be displayed and larger contributions offered for this cause.

The Bulletin.—This little paper, issued quarterly by the Executive Committee of the General Society, will be very helpful to officers and leaders of the Auxiliaries. It is intended to give information regarding the work, present the needs, and bring the workers all over the field in communication with one another.

OUR BELOVED DEAD.

On March 2d, 1904, our whole church was caused to mourn the death of one who has been interested to an exceptional degree in the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. A. V. Hamma was a woman of generous spirit, broad sympathy, and enthusiastic devotion in the extension of the kingdom of our Lord and Master. We will bear her in lasting memory, not only because of her labors as Treasurer of the General Society, but as the one who espoused from the beginning the work in our State. In your behalf, your President extended to Dr. Hamma the sincere sympathy of this Synodical Society. A place on our program has been reserved for a memorial service for this departed sister.

Since our last convention a number of the officers and members of our societies, who were active and earnest workers, have entered within the pearly gate for eternal rest.

May the closed labors of these sisters inspire us to higher and holier aims and more diligent service for the blessed Saviour.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. Owing to the marked difference in membership in the societies, also the addition of a new one, it would seem wise that a readjustment be made in raising the INDIA BED FUND. I would therefore recommend that each society's contribution toward this fund be on the *per capita* basis.

2. Many new departments have been added to the work of the General Society, and I would that all might be installed in our Synodical Society. I believe the time is ripe for us to adopt the THANK-OFFERING DEPARTMENT, the object of which is to cultivate among us Gospel giving. I would recommend that a *Thank-offering Secretary* be appointed who shall keep before the societies the work of this department and encourage proportionate giving.

CONCLUSION.

One of our great obstacles, and one which we lament, is the fact that there are in our churches such a large number of women who do not realize a per-

sonal duty in reference to missionary activity. How can we reveal to them the great work they might do in forwarding the kingdom? It has been well said, "To win the heart of woman to the cause of missions is to win the family, to win the family is to win the nation."

Nearly sixty-seven years ago, one morning in June, two messengers, persons no less distinguished than the Lord Chamberlain of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury, made their way from Windsor Palace, where William IV. had just breathed his last, to Kensington Palace where the Princess Victoria lived. They rang; they knocked for a considerable time before they could rouse the porter at the gate. After being admitted they desired the attendant to inform Princess Victoria that they wished an audience with her on matters of importance. After another delay the attendant returned saying, "The Princess is in such a sweet sleep that she cannot be disturbed." Said the messengers, "We are come on business of State to the Queen and *even her sleep* must give way to that."

Dear friends, a message from one higher in authority than any messenger of church or State has gone forth. It has not been to a favored one, but to *every woman* whatever be her position. The message is, "Go, disciple all nations." This message must be heard. This message must be executed. Some women are *faithfully* and *heroically* striving to obey the command; *others are asleep.* But sleep must give place to work, indifference to interest, selfish ease to self-sacrifice. We sincerely hope many will come with us and join our ranks, whose prayer shall be:

> "Use me, God, in Thy great harvest-field,
> Which stretcheth far and wide, like a great sea;
> The gatherers are so few, I fear the precious yield
> Will suffer loss. Oh, find a place for me."

In conclusion, I desire to thank you for the good-will and uniform kindness shown me during the past year. And now, dear friends, let us enter upon the work of the convention prayerfully, with heart and soul alert, then shall we be blessed and our meeting together will bear golden fruit in the days to come.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK.

The Reports of Officers then followed. (See pages 44 and 45.)

The Secretary then read a letter of greeting from Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers.

Offering amounted to $2.10.

A motion was passed that Sister Lydia Perry be elected an advisory member of our convention.

Then followed sentence prayers, and "Christ for the World" was sung, and meeting adjourned.

Report of W. H. & F. M. Society of California Synod for Year Ending March 31, 1904.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30, 1903.	Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1903.		Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1903.		Quarter Ending March 31, 1904.							
	General Fund.	General Fund.	Redlands Mission.	General Fund.	Thank-Offering.	General Fund.	Bed in India.	Rensselaer Mission.	North Beach Mission.	Silver Jubilee Offering.	Alameda.	Synodical Fund.	Total.
Balance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$87 36	$87 36
Alameda	$4 35	.....	.....	$9 15	.....	$4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00
Los Angeles	5 30	*$9 60	$5 00	11 18	$25 60	8 10	.....	$3 50	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	$73 28
Oakland	2 40	5 50	7 91	4 20	6 18	.....	.....	3 20	5 00	.....	.....	.....	34 39
Riverside	4 55	3 85	5 00	4 15	10 25	5 60	$5 50	5 20	5 00	.....	.....	7 00	56 10
Sacramento (English)	2 75	2 75	2 00	1 80	2 68	2 60	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 60	25 18
Sacramento (German)	19 50	†24 50	9 00	18 90	11 50	†23 90	5 50	10 00	5 00	$5 00	.....	10 00	142 80
San Diego	1 50	.....	2 25	2 80	3 00	1 75	5 50	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	2 00	26 80
San Francisco (English)	6 60	4 90	5 00	5 30	.....	16 60	5 00	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	5 00	53 40
San Francisco (German)	12 50	12 50	10 00	12 00	.....	12 00	5 50	.....	6 07	.....	.....	5 00	75 57
San José	2 00	2 00	3 50	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	17 00
Amount received	$61 45	$65 60	$49 66	$69 48	$59 21	$77 05	$37 00	$23 90	$33 07	$8 00	$5 00	$120 46	$609 88
Amount remitted	61 45	65 60	49 66	69 48	59 21	77 05	37 00	23 90	33 07	8 00	5 00	.....	489 42
Amount in Treasury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$120 46	$120 46

Expenses.

President's Expenses	$6 30
Typewriting	2 30
Stationery	2 82
Printing Programs for Convention	6 25
Corresponding Secretary's Expenses	2 50
Historian's Expenses	1 25
Mrs. Kelly's Railroad Fare to Pittsburg	70 89
Total	$92 31

Amount in Treasury	$120 46
Offerings at Convention	8 25
	$128 71
Less Expenses	92 31
Amount in Treasury	$36 40

* $5.00 of this amount was contributed by the A. F. C. Mission Band.

† $5.00 of this amount was contributed by the Y. P. S. C. E.

Respectfully submitted, ROSE HICKETHIER, *Treasurer.*

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Woman's Societies.	Name and Address of Corresponding Secretary.	Membership. Total not Including Life Members.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Journals.	Children's Missionary.	Total Amount Sent to Synodical Treasurer, not Including Synodical Fee.	Synodical Fee.
Riverside	Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, 995 Locust Street	37	32	5	..	12	....	$49 10	$7 00
Los Angeles	Mrs. S. E. Garrett, 1611 South Union Street	26	26	..	..	16	1	97 88	.....
San Diego	Miss Lizzie Herbert, 2042 Albatros Street	16	13	3	..	12	....	33 30	2 00
Oakland	Mrs. A. E. Fox, 473 Summer Street	21	14	1	5	11	50	29 39	5 25
Alameda	Mrs. W. Brandes, 753 Railroad Avenue	34	33	1	..	....	....	9 30	.....
San Francisco	Miss G. Wulbern, 3009 Laguna Street	25	22	3	..	15	....	41 20	5 00
San Francisco (German)	Miss B. Küner, 730 Gough Street	49	40	9	..	2	....	70 75	5 00
Sacramento	Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, 1415 Eighteenth Street	16	14	2	..	11	....	23 58	1 60
Sacramento (German)	Mrs. B. Hintze, 416 Fifteenth Street	90	66	11	14	27	125	123 05	10 00
San José	Miss Wickersham, 7 Garland Avenue	16	16	..	..	8	....	14 50	2 00
Totals		330	276	35	19	114	176	$492 05	$37 85

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2.45 P. M.

Devotional services were to have been conducted by Mrs. Saxton, but in her absence were led by Mrs. Zwicker.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The President then announced the following

Committees:

Auditing—Mrs. Reimer and Mrs. Zwicker.

President's Address—Mrs. Hay and Miss Jennie Burnett.

Historian's Report and Literature Committee's Report—Mrs. Fry and Miss Row.

Letters, Greetings, Papers—Mrs. Trautwein and Miss Gluesing.

Resolutions—Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Trautwein.

Nominating—Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Reimer, and Mrs. Burnett.

Reporters for Press.

Missionary Journal and City Papers—Mrs. Hillerman.

Lutheran World, Evangelist, and Observer—Mrs. Fry.

Zionsbote—Mrs. Quast.

Then followed Reports of Auxiliary Delegates.

Encouraging reports were received from the following churches:

Los Angeles, Riverside, Sacramento (English), San Francisco (English), and San Diego.

A written statement from the Literature Committee was then read by Secretary.

Report of Delegate, Mrs. William Kelly, from Pittsburg Convention, was read by Mrs. Hillerman, and accepted.

A very interesting paper was then given by Sister Lydia Perry on "How to Interest the Individual in Missions."

Next was a paper written by Mrs. George Renschler, "At the Feet of Barnabas," and read by Mrs. Zwicker.

Offering amounted to $2.11.

Miss Jennie Burnett was then elected Treasurer *pro tem.*, in absence of Treasurer.

Hymn, "O man of God, arise."

Sister Lydia Perry then gave an interesting and instructive talk on Deaconess Work.

After a number of short prayers, the society adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 9.30 A. M.

Devotional exercises were to have been led by Mrs. Hamilton, but, in her absence, were conducted by Mrs. Hoick.

The minutes of preceding session were read and approved.

A short but impressive paper was read by Miss Floy Row, "Mission Band Work." An excellent paper was then read by Miss Flora Knoll, "The Thank-offering." At this time a letter from Mrs. Alice G. Bond, Thank-offering Secretary, was read by Secretary.

Hymn, "Saviour, sprinkle many nations."

Symposium :

"Our Past Success," an interesting paper, written by Miss Kate Stuber, was read by Secretary.

"Our Present Opportunity," an excellent paper by Mrs. Hay, was beautifully read.

Offering amounted to $1.95.

A motion was passed that absent delegates be excused.

A motion was passed that the papers read in this convention be type-written and sent to the various societies to be read.

The members of California Synod then paid the society a visit.

Our President, Mrs. Hoick, extended them a cordial greeting, and was responded to by President of Synod, Rev. H. Gehrcke, in which he set forth the urgent needs of a Mission at Fresno, and another English church at San Francisco.

Dr. Burnett also gave a very pleasing address.

A free-will offering was presented by members of Synod, which amounted to $5.00.

After prayer by Dr. Nelander, the society adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 3 P. M.

A memorial service to Mrs. A. V. Hamma was held, Mrs. J. E. Hoick presiding.

Hymn, "Lead, kindly Light," was sung.

A paper, prepared by Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, was read by Mrs. Burnett.

Mrs. Almira V. Hamma.

Mrs. Almira V. Hamma died at her home in Baltimore March 2d, 1904.

It was with profound sorrow that the Lutheran Church in California received the tidings of the death of one of its best friends, Mrs. Almira V. Hamma, who was born in Springfield, Ohio, some sixty-three years ago. While yet in the bloom of her youth she gave her heart to the Lord and consecrated her life and talents to His service. She became the wife of Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., a consecrated young minister of the Lutheran Church, gladly sharing the self-denial and privations of the ministerial work. Her genial and sympathetic nature was keenly alive to the interests of her husband's congregation, and to the welfare of the students of Wittenberg College. She made the Lutheran Church the object of her life's work, and to advance the glorious truths of the Reformation was her highest ambition. After many years of active life, her failing health obliged her to retire from the pastoral work. She then devoted herself to the cause of Home Missions, and her pen was frequently employed in writing for our journals and papers. She advocated the mission work in California from its first inception; her interest in it never faltered; her voice always pleaded for more funds and missionaries for California. Her efforts in Los Angeles, and her wise counsels there, were of great assistance to Rev. Heisler, then pastor of that church. Upon a visit to San Francisco she insisted upon forming a missionary society, and solicited Mrs. Everding and myself to assist in organizing one. She assisted us to form our Synodical Society, and her experience and advice were very helpful to me during the two presidential years that I served the society. She never admitted any discouraging circumstances, always looking forward with sanguine hope to the future.

When Dr. Hamma became the pastor of the San Francisco church for a short time, she was in very feeble health, but she ignored her own illness and entered as enthusiastically into the pastoral work as she had formerly done, trying in every way to help him build up the congregation and advance its spiritual interest. Every biennial meeting has heard her voice on behalf of our

missions. Never will her work be forgotten by us. "Though dead, she yet speaketh." Her life is left as an inspiration for us to be faithful to our work. Her prayers have gone up like sweet incense to the Lord. "For her to live was Christ, to die was gain."

The last few weeks of her life were devoted to writing a bulletin to the various Auxiliaries, giving us the latest missionary news, and planning work for the year; and this was done, so I am informed, when her hand was so feeble that her pen was often laid down from sheer exhaustion. Her last messages to us were contained in that bulletin. She was found at her life's close "about her Master's business," diligently engaged in it, fervent in spirit, serving Him whom she adored. What an example her life should be for us who remain to take up her work and press forward to a glorious success without faltering, trusting, as she did, in the Lord for strength, and then at the close of *our* lives it may be said of us as we say of her, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Her remains were taken to her native city, and there they rest to await the glorious resurrection morning.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SUSAN EUSTIS BITTLE-MYERS.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Hillerman, and hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung.

A paper was then read by Mrs. Burnett, giving her personal knowledge of the deceased.

The minutes of preceding session were then read and approved.

The following committees then submitted reports, which were adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Your committee to whom was referred the President's Report beg leave to submit the following:

We find the report full of cheering intelligence, referring as it does to the advance and progress of local societies, the establishment of new ones, the two conferences of the extremes of the State, the increase of benevolence, the literature of the societies, and the losses sustained by death during the past year.

The suggestions made are especially fruitful of thought, and we congratulate our President on the full and complete report she has presented, and trust that her active interest may long continue in the promotion of earnest, faithful work among our local societies.

Respectfully submitted, MISS JENNIE P. BURNETT,
MRS. EMMA HAY.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The committee appointed for that purpose submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge our gratitude to our heavenly Father for His kindness to us during the past year.

2. *Resolved*, That we rejoice over the increase of missions and Missionary Societies in our State.

3. *Resolved*, That we regret the absence of so many of the officers of our society, and hope at future conventions we may have a better representation.

4. *Resolved*, That we are glad to have our deaconess, Sister Lydia, with us at this time, and trust she may be able to greatly increase our membership through the ministrations of her office.

5. *Resolved*, That we regret the unavoidable absence of our Historian, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, for from her long experience in church work she is of great assistance to the meetings of our conventions.

6. *Resolved*, That we realize in the death of our well-known and beloved friend, Mrs. A. V. Hamma, that our church has lost one who always had a deep interest in the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and we suggest that a letter of sympathy be sent to Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., from this convention.

7. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention be conveyed to the pastor and his wife and congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church in Riverside for this opportunity they have given us of enjoyment, entertainment, and pleasant memories of our visit.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. G. G. BURNETT,
Mrs. H. TRAUTWEIN.

Report of Committee on Letters, Greetings, and Papers.

Greetings received from Mrs. Kelly, who represented the General Synod at Pittsburg. She regrets very much that she was not able to be with us, but sent a written report, which was read by Mrs. Hillerman.

Mrs. Bittle-Myers sent a letter of greetings, and on account of ill health presented her resignation as the Historian of the society.

A letter from Mrs. Alice G. Bond was read, telling about the mite boxes and thank-offerings.

A paper on "How to Interest the Individual in Missions" was read by Miss Lydia Perry. Instances were given of how interest is created.

Mrs. E. O. Hay read a paper on "Present Opportunity," in which lack of interest seemed to be our weakest point.

A paper was read by Miss Floy M. Row, in which she spoke of the progress of the A. F. C., or All for Christ, Mission Band, of Los Angeles.

A paper was then read by Miss Flora Knoll on "Thank-offerings," which was appreciated by all.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. H. TRAUTWEIN,
Miss EMMA GLUESING.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Having carefully examined the Treasurer's Report and vouchers, we find that, with a few changes, the report will be ready for publication.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. REIMER,
MRS. C. E. ZWICKER.

Report of Committee on Literature Committee's Report and Historian's Report.

We find the Literature Committee has circulated ninety-five tracts, written nineteen letters, and sent out Thank-offering boxes.

The following societies have contributed toward the work: Oakland, Riverside, First Church, San Francisco; St. Matthew's, German, San Francisco; German, Sacramento.

We find this committee $2.05 in arrears, and would recommend each society to take a deeper interest in this work and forward the small amount of twenty-five cents that is asked of each society.

We also find Historian's Report complete in every way, and duly appreciate the labors of one who has toiled so faithfully in the work of the Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. S. FRY,
MISS FLOY M. ROW.

Mrs. Hoick then gave a short talk on the India Bed Fund, suggesting a new method of raising this fund.

On motion, the apportionment of this fund was changed and each member in our Synodical Society is assessed twenty cents.

A motion was passed that we have a Thank-offering Secretary appointed from Literature Committee.

The President appointed Mrs. Hillerman.

An invitation from Synod was then accepted to hear the address of Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D.

An invitation to meet at San José in 1905 was accepted.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

President's railroad traveling and postage	$10 65
Printing programmes	2 50
Corresponding Secretary's expenses	4 00
Historian's expenses	2 00
Literature Committee's expenses	2 05
Total	$21 20

A vote of thanks was tendered Treasurer for the donation of her services.

Hymn, "Lord, send Thy word, and let it fly."

Election of officers followed. (See title page.)

Election of delegate to the General Synod resulted in Mrs. Hillerman as delegate and Mrs. Burnett as alternate.

A motion was passed to select the Literature Committee from Los Angeles and Riverside.

The minutes of the meeting were then read and approved.

Mrs. Hoick then made a few closing remarks.

The convention then closed with the doxology.

EVENING SERVICE.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 8 O'CLOCK.

Organ prelude.

Anthem by choir.

Scripture, Mrs. Hoick.

Prayer, Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Hymn No. 336, "Hasten, Lord, the glorious time."

"Home Missions," address by Mrs. G. G. Burnett.

Solo, "Nothing but Leaves," Rev. W. L. Remsberg.

"Foreign Missions," address by Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D.

Offering.

Hymn No. 344, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun."

Benediction.

MRS. W. S. FRY,
Secretary pro tem.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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REPORT OF THE

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Number.	Place of Meeting.	Date.	Officers.		
			President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D.	Mr. John Everding.
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding.
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine, Ph. D	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding.
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding.
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding.
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Hermann Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Hermann Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1905-1906.

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Rev. HERMANN GEHRCKE.

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Rev. EDWIN H. HADLOCK, Ph. D.

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NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—San Francisco, Cal.
Time—May 2, 1906.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

Wednesday.

7.45 P. M.—SYNODICAL SERMON (BY THE PRESIDENT).

HOLY COMMUNION.

Thursday.

9 A. M.—DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
REV. CHARLES F. OEHLER.	REV. J. E. HOICK.

2 P. M.—DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

REV. OSCAR H. GRUVER.	REV. GEORGE R. BIRD.

7.45 P. M.—"OUR POSSIBILITIES,"

"AT HOME."

REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D.	REV. P. W. H. FREDERICK.

"ABROAD."

REV. HERBERT J. WEAVER.	REV. OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Friday.

9 A. M.—DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

REV. P. W. H. FREDERICK.	REV. WILLIAM BRANDES.

2 P. M.—DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

REV. A. E. DEITZ.	REV. LUTZ HORN.

3 P. M.—DOCTRINAL—ARTICLE IX. OF AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

REV. WILSON L. REMSBERG.	REV. H. S. FEIX.

7.45 P. M.—"THE NEEDS OF OUR STATE."

REV. GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.	REV. A. JATHO.

"OUR YOUNG PEOPLE."

REV. EDWIN H. HADLOCK, PH. D.	REV. CHARLES F. OEHLER.

Saturday.

9 A. M.—DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

REV. E. NELANDER, PH. D.	REV. W. H. NAFFZIGER.

A COMPLETE, THOUGH ABRIDGED, REPORT

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

HELD IN

SAN JOSÉ, MAY 11-13, 1905.

All resolutions and reports appearing herein were adopted by Synod, and constitute all the business intended for publication. Unabridged minutes in Protocol. SECRETARY.

SAN JOSÉ, CAL., THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1905, 8 P. M.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of California Synod assembled in Grace Lutheran Church, San José, Cal., Rev. W. E. Crouser, pastor.

The Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. H. J. Weaver, was on "The Fellowship of Jesus" (1 Cor. i. 9).

Synodical Communion followed.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1905, 9 A. M.

One half-hour devotional service led by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

Synod opened with prescribed forms by the President.

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Address.	Lay.
1836	Samuel Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., *a. e.*	San Diego	No charge.
1874	George R. Bird, D. D., *a. e.*	Los Angeles	No delegate.
1877	Wilson L. Remsberg, *e.*	Santa Barbara	Charles Beier, *a. e.*
1877	Jacob S. Moser, *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	No charge.
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., *e.*	Sacramento	Samuel Focht.
1880	Henry S. Feix,*	Los Angeles	No charge.
1881	John Schmierer, *a. e.*	Monrovia	No charge.
1885	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	Arroyo Grande	No charge.
1887	Adolf Jatho, *e.*	Oakland	Ernst Jatho.
1888	Charles F. Oehler	Sacramento	Gustav Kroeger, *a. e.*
1889	Edward Nelander, Ph. D.	San Francisco	No delegate.
1889	William Brandes, *e.*	Alameda	William Betten, *a. e.*
1890	William H. Naffziger,†	Santa Cruz	No charge.
1891	Archibald E. Deitz,‡	Riverside	Alfred D. Roeder, *a. e*
1892	Hermann Gehrcke, *e.*	San Francisco	John Bruns.
1892	Oscar H. Gruver	Oakland	J. A. Bohn, *e.*
1893	Edwin H. Hadlock, Ph. D.¶	San Francisco	Dr. G. G. Burnett.
1894	Herbert J. Weaver	Los Angeles	Wm. Bosbyshell, *a. e.*
1894	John Edward Hoick	San Diego	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
1896	George H. Hillerman	Redlands	S. A. Phillippy, *a. e.*
1898	William E. Crouser	San José	Theodor Koenig.
1898	Lutz Horn, *a. e.*, ‖	Fresno	No delegate.
1898	Arthur C. Delbo, *a.*	Banning	No charge.
1900	P. W. H. Frederick	Pasadena	A. T. Lien, *a. e.*

a. e. Absent and excused. *e.* Excused before close of Synod.
a. Absent and unexcused for two years, and name dropped from roll.
* Received from German Evangelical Synod of North America.
† Received from East Ohio Synod. ‡ Received from Franckean Synod.
¶ Received from Congregational Church. ‖ Received from Wartburg Synod.

President's Report.

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

Beloved Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California: Another year of service and sacrifice, of opportunities and responsibilities, of duties done and of victories won, has passed into history. We are gathered in this our Fifteenth Annual Convention to transact the business devolving upon us and for mutual encouragement and inspiration.

In accordance with the requirements of our Constitution, I herewith submit

a report of my official acts, together with such other items of interest and importance as should claim the attention of Synod.

I. ADMISSIONS.

Rev. Lutz Horn presented a letter of dismission from the Evangelical Lutheran Wartburg Synod, dated September 22d, 1904, and his name was placed on our clerical roll as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Wartburg Church of Fresno.

Rev. A. E. Deitz, a member of the Franckean Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, presented a letter of honorable dismissal, dated December 19th, 1904, and his name was ordered placed on our clerical roll as pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Riverside.

J. Philip Anshutz, a young man of Lutheran parentage, educated at Princeton in the classics and also in theology, made application for a license to preach the Gospel. He was referred to Rev. C. F. Oehler, Chairman of the Examining Committee. On Thursday, December 29th, 1904, he was examined by Revs. Oehler, Nelander, and Hoskinson, the last acting for Rev. Hoick, and was recommended for *ad interim* licensure.

Brother J. Philip Anshutz was therefore granted an *ad interim* license on January 3d, 1905, according to Article V., Sec. 1, page 4, of our Synodical Constitution.

II. DISMISSALS.

Rev. J. Philip Anshutz was, at his own request, dismissed on January 3d, 1905, to the Rocky Mountain Synod, and his name was placed on their clerical roll February 15th, 1905, as pastor at Pueblo, Col.

Rev. F. C. Vierke was, at his own request, granted a letter of dismission, February 3d, 1905, to unite with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Pacific.

III. RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. F. C. Vierke notified me, June 9th, 1904, that his relation as pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Redlands was that day severed.

Rev. George H. Hillerman resigned the pastorate of Trinity Church, Riverside, August 28th, 1904, to take effect September 30th, 1904, and on the same day accepted a call to the First Lutheran Church of Redlands, beginning his labors there as pastor October 1st, 1904.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., wrote me December 6th, 1904, that he had resigned the pastoral charge of the First English Lutheran Church of San Francisco, to take effect on December 15th, 1904.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

Fresno. October 23d, 1904, Rev. Lutz Horn was installed as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Wartburg Church, Rev. Hermann Gehrcke delivering the charges to both pastor and people and conducting the liturgical service.

Redlands. November 27th, 1904, Rev. George H. Hillerman was installed

as pastor of the First Lutheran Church by the President, who delivered charges to pastor and people at the vesper service.

Riverside. January 8th, 1905, Rev. A. E. Deitz, who took charge of Trinity Lutheran Church December 1st, 1904, was installed as its pastor. Rev. George H. Hillerman delivered the charge to the pastor at the morning service and the President preached to the congregation in the evening, when the service of installation took place.

V. SETTING-APART SERVICE.

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Redlands, Rev. George H. Hillerman, pastor, was set apart for divine worship on Sunday, November 27th, 1904. The President preached the sermon of consecration at the morning service. The formal dedication will be postponed until the debts are all provided for. The building, erected under the pastorate of Rev. F. C. Vierke, is a neat, substantial, churchly edifice, capable of seating four hundred people, and costing $5,500.00, exclusive of the lot. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society contributed $2,000.00.

VI. NEW MISSIONS.

Los Angeles. It was the President's privilege to appear personally before the Woman's Executive Committee at its August (1904) meeting in Springfield, Ohio, to express the thanks of our Synod for their generous support of our missions, not only in the salaries of pastors, but also in the large amounts given toward the erection of buildings. At this meeting the committee decided to make an appropriation of $300.00 per year to new work in Los Angeles and Long Beach, provided that the California Synod, through its Home Mission Committee, would appropriate a like amount annually to this work. This the Home Mission Committee did, voting $300.00 to be paid out of the Sunday school and Young People's Home Mission Fund.

Rev. George R. Bird was commissioned as missionary and began his labors in Los Angeles in September, 1904.

Fresno. Rev. Hermann Gehrcke, the member of the Home Mission Committee to whom this new field was especially committed, preached a number of times to the Lutherans of Fresno during the summer months, thus encouraging and holding them together until a pastor could be secured. In September, 1904, Rev. Lutz Horn accepted a commission to this field, and entered upon his labors September 20th, 1904.

San Francisco. Realizing the importance of the new English mission which the Woman's Executive Committee had decided to support, we made haste slowly in securing a missionary to inaugurate the work. It was late in the year 1904 when we learned of the availability of Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D. Recommendations were immediately sent to the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Executive Committee, and Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., received a commission, which he accepted, and entered upon his duties as missionary December 15th, 1904.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS.

Whereas, the General Synod at Baltimore has defined the territory of the Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage (and our State is in that territory), I recommend that our churches and Sunday schools, which contribute to the support of orphans, send contributions to the Lutheran Orphanage at Nachusa, Ill.

Whereas, Rev. J. G. M. Hursh, Secretary of the Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage, requests the election of two Directors, I recommend that the Senior Clerical and Senior Lay Delegates to the General Synod be considered Directors of said Orphanage for a period of two years, or until delegates are again elected to General Synod.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

Visit of Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D. An inspiration, a blessing, and a benediction was the presence of Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., in each of our churches just after the last meeting of Synod. This was, we believe, the first visit of a Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions to our coast; may it not be the last.

Rev. Henry S. Feix. On June 29th, 1904, Rev. Henry S. Feix presented a letter of honorable dismissal from the German Evangelical Synod of North America and made application for membership in our Synod. This application is respectfully referred to the Ministerium.

New Organ. In the First Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, on May 15th, 1904, there was used for the first time a new pipe-organ, costing over $2,500.00, including the electric motor.

Death of Dr. Wolf. On Tuesday, January 10th, 1905, at his home, in Gettysburg, Pa., Rev. Edmund J. Wolf, D. D., President of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, passed into the immediate presence of his Saviour, whom he loved and whom he served. Our Church has not only lost her presiding officer, but a teacher, a scholar, an author, and a preacher of eminent ability. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

First Church, San Francisco. February 19th, 1905, I received from Brother J. W. Fricke a copy of resolutions passed by the congregation of the First English Lutheran Church of San Francisco on February 12th, 1905, to the effect that, "Whereas they had enjoyed the privilege of the ministrations of Rev. E. H. Hadlock, Ph. D., for several weeks, and Dr. Hadlock had given full evidence of his fitness and ability to serve them, that they invite him to apply to the California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for admission, and in the meantime, pending the result of his application, to act as temporary pastor; and as soon as he is qualified as a member of our California Synod they will give him the call to this church."

In response to several inquiries as to the possibility of the Examining Committee taking action on an application that Dr. Hadlock might make, I have replied that the Examining Committee has no jurisdiction in this case, and

that any ordained minister who desires membership in this Synod must appear in person before the Ministerium. (See Article VI., Section 3, of Constitution of California Synod.)

Protest of California Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod. On the 8th day of May, 1905, I received from Rev. C. M. Esbjorn and Rev. A. J. Rodell, respectively President and Secretary of the California Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod, a copy of a resolution passed by said conference at its convention held in San José, February 15th, 1905, in which a vigorous protest is made against a member of our Synod, who, it is alleged, has made an "unwarranted intrusion into the legitimate field of the Augustana Synod." I respectfully refer this resolution to the consideration of Synod.

Conclusion. With gratitude to God for all His blessings to us and to all our churches, and looking forward with eyes of faith to the ever-widening prospects and possibilities, and believing with President Roosevelt that "the Lutheran Church in this country is destined to be one of two or three greatest and most important national churches in the United States; one of the two or three churches most distinctively American; most distinctively among the forces that are to tell for making this great country greater in the future;" let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
President.

Report referred to proper committee.

Advisory members elected: Chaplain O. C. Miller, Revs. Emil Meyer, A. J. Hartsock, and J. C. Pedersen.

Treasurer's Report read and referred to Auditing Committee. (See Appendix B.)

Report of Deaconess Committee.

The Synodical Deaconess has rendered faithful and efficient services during the past year as follows:

San Francisco, English, April 24th to September 1st. Oakland, September 1st to October 14th. Sacramento, English, October 14th to December 19th. Vacation, December 19th to January 1st. Oakland, January 1st to February 20th. San José, February 20th to April 10th. As no "call" came for the services of the deaconess after the conclusion of her labors at San José, she returned to the Motherhouse.

Your committee offers the followiug resolutions:

Resolved, That we place on record our hearty endorsement of the work inaugurated by the Deaconess Board, especially our high appreciation of the faithful and loving services of Sister Lydia Perry amongst the churches of our Synod.

Resolved, That we pledge our continued sympathy, prayers, and support to this most noble church activity.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
A. JATHO.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last convention of California Synod beg leave to report the following items as requiring the attention of this body :

1. On page 14 we learn that a committee was appointed "to investigate the outlook for work in San Bernardino and report immediately to the Home Mission Committee for action." Has this been done ?

2. On page 16 a resolution is recorded deploring the attitude of the Board of Church Extension to the missions established by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and imploring the Board's re-consideration of their action in this matter. Has the Board of Church Extension acceded to our prayer ?

3. On page 29 is a resolution providing for the appointment of a missionary on our territory to be supported by this Synod, and also authorizing the apportionment of twenty cents per member on our Sunday schools to be raised by them in conjunction with our Young People's Societies. Has this been done ?

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
WILLIAM BRANDES.

(Note in Protocol by the Secretary.)

Considered *seriatim*.

1. Yes.

2. *Resolved*, That the matters referred to in this question be put in the hands of a special committee of five, who shall prepare a communication to be sent to the Board of Church Extension and to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

3. Yes, and Los Angeles is the new mission field.

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and A. Jatho.

2. *Letters and Papers*—Revs. C. F. Oehler and J. E. Hoick.

3. *Apportionment*—Rev. O. H. Gruver and P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

4. *Absentees and Excuses*—Rev. Hermann Gehrcke and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

5. *Auditing*—G. G. Burnett, M. D., and Mr. Ernest Jatho.

6. *Resolutions*—Rev. J. E. Hoick and Mr. Samuel Focht.

7. *Devotional*—Revs. William Crouser and O. H. Gruver.

8. *Excess and Deficit*—Revs. A. E. Deitz and P. W. H. Frederick.

9. *Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. W. L. Remsberg and Mr. William Bosbyshell.

10. *Minutes of Conferences*—Rev. W. Brandes and Mr. Charles Beier.

Reporters.

Observer—Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

World—Dr. G. G. Burnett.

Evangelist—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.

Zionsbote—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Friedensbote—Rev. H. Gehrcke.

City Papers—Revs. William Crouser and W. L. Remsberg.

Hours for business sessions for Synod: From 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

Reading Parochial Reports.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. William Brandes.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1905, 2 P. M.

One half-hour devotional service led by Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Committee to prepare communication to the Board of Church Extension and to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society: Revs. C. F. Oehler, J. E. Hoick, W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., and G. G. Burnett, Phar. D., and P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Reading of a paper on Articles VII. and VIII., Augsburg Confession, by Rev. J. E. Hoick, San Diego.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions herewith submits its annual report, giving the most important facts as gleaned from the reports of the pastors. The order is that in which the reports were received by the Chairman of the committee:

1. *Redlands and San Bernardino.*—In Redlands, during the past year, was witnessed the erection of a church edifice, begun under Pastor Vierke, and completed under Pastor Hillerman. The building and lot cost $7,000.00. On this there is an indebtedness of $3,000.00. There were 17 losses and 18 accessions in the year ending March 31st, 1905. Sunday school has grown from 30 to 80, with an average attendance of 50. A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has been organized with 17 members. Attendance at prayer meeting and at the Sunday services is very encouraging.

San Bernardino, considered at the last meeting of Synod as a station of the Redlands charge, was visited by Brothers Gehrcke and Jatho as a special committee on April 24th, 1904. They report in substance that "there are a good many German and English people who could be gathered with little effort by the right man. The outlook for the establishing of a Lutheran Church is encouraging, but the field needs a good, energetic man for itself."

A communication, dated May 8th, 1904, signed by Rev. F. C. Vierke and four Lutherans of San Bernardino, asks that they be given a pastor who can preach in both German and English languages and who will devote all his time to them.

The Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Executive Committee have not deemed the outlook sufficiently promising to warrant the commission of a missionary whose time shall be wholly occupied with San Bernardino. It is hoped that it may be served in connection with some adjacent church. In the meantime we recommend that the pastor at Redlands have oversight of this station.

2. *St. Mark's, Los Angeles.*—Rev. George R. Bird began preaching in Lindley Hall in September, 1904, but, not meeting with encouragement, transferred to 125 West Thirty-eighth Street, where, on December 4th, 1904, St. Mark's Lutheran Church was organized. The charter roll, which was closed on Easter Sunday, contains eighteen names. There are 9 families in the new church and 19 families in the neighborhood which are interested. A Sunday school and a Ladies' Aid Society have been organized. The pastor hopes soon to buy a lot and build a chapel, of which the total cost is to be $2,500.00.

Pastor Bird has found it impossible to organize the work in Long Beach, at the same time he is inaugurating the work in Los Angeles. It is hoped, however, that this field may be organized soon, possibly in connection with San Pedro, which is contiguous.

3. *San Francisco, New Mission.*—Dr. Nelander reports that, after some preparatory work, the first service was held on New Year's day. The audi-

ence numbered over 300. Since then regular services have been conducted, either at Mechanics' Pavilion, or Excelsior Hall, on Mission Street. On the suggestion of Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., the organization was not effected until after Easter, as a larger showing of charter members will give prestige to the work. Services, Young People's meetings, and Sunday school are all promising.

4. *Fresno.*—Rev. Lutz Horn, since September, 1904, has been an indefatigable worker in the organization and for the development of the Wartburg Church. He has secured $300.00 in subscriptions, and two well-situated lots have been bought for a church building. He has appealed to the Board of Church Extension for aid, and his appeals have been heartily endorsed by the members of the Home Mission Committee. A delay, however, in securing a promise of aid has greatly discouraged the members.

5. *San Jose.*—Rev W. E. Crouser reports that Grace Lutheran Church has paid $100.00 on interest-bearing debt, and that the total contributions for the year will reach $1,200.00.

Fourteen persons have united with the church since last April. The Sunday school, and Young People's, Ladies' Aid, and Missionary Societies are all flourishing.

6. *Riverside.*—Rev. George H. Hillerman was pastor up to September, 1904, and Rev. A. E. Deitz since December 1st, 1904. Present membership is 54. Average attendance Sunday morning, 50; evening, 30. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 95, with average attendance of 70, and is one of the most satisfactory departments of the work. Luther League has 20 members, and Missionary Society 32. Full apportionment is raised. This church has lost considerable strength by removals, but hopes to regain by additions in the near future.

7. *Santa Barbara.*—Pastor Remsberg writes that many of his members are more faithful and regular in attendance than they were formerly, and that there is more real devotion to Christ and His service. There are now 36 members—an increase of 12 over last year. A Christian Endeavor Society has recently been organized. God is with us. There seems to be many indications of His presence and helpfulness.

8. *San Diego.*—Rev. J. E. Hoick writes: "Our work is in better condition than ever before. Among the encouraging features are increased attendance at both morning and evening worship; good financial condition—salaries all paid and apportionment raised in full; also increased activity in the Sunday school and Ladies' Aid Society. Fourteen new members were received during the year. By reason of 2 deaths, 5 dismissals by letter, and 7 removals the membership same as reported last year."

9. *Pasadena.*—Rev. P. W. H. Frederick reports 50 members, 52 enrolled in Sunday school, and 15 members in newly organized Luther League. Trinity Church has paid off all floating indebtedness, and is beginning to raise money for erection of a Sunday school room, which will serve for church for

the present. They hope to raise $2,000.00 in Pasadena, which, with $1,000.00 from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, will enable them to erect a $3,000.00 building on their well-chosen lot. The first confirmation class of eight young people was confirmed on Palm Sunday.

10. *St. Andrew's, San Francisco.*—Under the leadership of Rev. A. Jatho, this mission has paid off $1,300.00 on its indebtedness during the past year. The church has assumed more of the support of their pastor. Membership has increased from 32 to 54. Ladies' Aid Society numbers 94. Young People's Society has over 30 members. The majority of the members have a deep interest in the work of the church, and the progress is very encouraging.

11. *Alameda.*—Rev. W. Brandes reports: "Alameda Mission is in a good condition, both financial and spiritual. Membership 72, increase of 7. Sunday school, 57. Attendance during the last two months was better than ever before. Ladies' Aid and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society are very active. There is also a flourishing Young People's Society connected with the church."

12. *Oakland.*—Twenty-six members have been added to the church. Apportionment has been paid in full. Easter offering was $150.00, which was larger than for a number of years. Local expenses are paid promptly. Rev. O. H. Gruver is greatly encouraged.

Three men have received commissions during the past year as missionaries in new fields, and other fields are white unto the harvest. Lutherans in Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Eureka, Ferndale, Stockton, Chico, Long Beach, Berkeley, San Pedro, and the unchurched Germans of Los Angeles all need consideration at our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
HERMAN GEHRCKE,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports.

Adopted, with thanks to the Chairman. (See Appendix D.)

Work of the American Sunday School Union, presented by Mr. D. W. Anderson.

Committee on Applications of Churches for Membership in California Synod—Revs. H. Gehrcke, W. L. Remsberg, and W. H. Naffziger.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We have heard and read with much interest the President's Report, and are glad to note the ring of cheer and hopefulness with reference to our California work. There has been considerable changing among our ministry during the

year, some going, others coming, showing a little unrest; but we notice with gratitude to God a steady progress in the churches of our Synod.

We note recommendations:

1. With reference to the support of the Nachusa Orphanage, and also concerning appointment of Directors in the Board of this institution.

2. With reference to the letter of Rev. H. S. Feix to become a member of this Synod.

3. With reference to action taken by First Church of San Francisco, touching the supply of that church by Rev. E. H. Hadlock.

4. A protest from the President and Secretary of the California Conference of the Augustana Synod.

We would recommend that these items be taken up by Synod and Ministerium and considered.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
A. JATHO.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. S. Feix.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1905, 7.45 P. M.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., read the Scripture lesson, and Chaplain O. C. Miller led in prayer.

The subject for the evening was Home Missions.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg read a paper on "Our Past Successes."

Rev. O. H. Gruver delivered an address on "Our Present Opportunities."

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 9 A. M.

One half-hour devotional service led by Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the President's Report, regarding Nachusa Orphanage, be adopted.

Apportionment for 1905-1906 fixed the same as for 1904-1905.

Resolved, That hereafter the traveling expenses of the Treasurer to and from Synod be paid from the Synodical Treasury, provided they are not paid by the congregation to which he belongs.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee desires to report that they have examined the books, vouchers, and receipts of the Treasurer and find all correct.

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. BURNETT,
ERNEST JATHO.

Report of Committee on Pacific Coast Theological Seminary.

Your Committee on Pacific Coast Theological Seminary regrets to report that, pending the action of the Pacific Synod, no definite steps have as yet been taken looking toward the establishing of an institution under the joint auspices of the Synod of California and the Pacific Synod.

Two conferences have been held. The first, October 12th, in St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, at which it was reported that Rev. J. A. Leas, President of the Pacific Synod, would shortly arrive in San Francisco to confer with the brethren. On November 15th, the committee met with Dr. Leas. The first session was held in the First English Lutheran Church. Later the committee became the guests of Hon. C. A. Smith, of Minneapolis, at St. Francis Hotel, where the deliberations were continued. The following brethren were made advisory members of the committee: Hon. C A. Smith, Rev. J. H. Meyer, and Rev. O. H. Gruver. After much earnest deliberation the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we as a committee, composed of members from the Pacific and California Synods, feel that a Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary should be established.

Resolved, That a Theological Board, representing both Synods, and of an equal number from each, be constituted for the organization and establishing of such a Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the place for founding said seminary and raising the funds for same be in the hands of this committee.

This was amended as follows:

1. That this committee be instructed to consider the geographical centre.
2. That this committee consider the centres of population.
3. That the committee consider the centres of Lutheran population.

4. That the possible bonus for such an institution be also taken into consideration.

These resolutions were to be submitted to the Pacific Synod Committee, which has not been able to convene until Tuesday of this week. Pending their action, which will be reported before the adjournment of this Synod, your committee would suggest that the matter be taken up for discussion on the arrival of said report of the Pacific Synod Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER;
CHARLES F. OEHLER,
W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. A. BOHN.

Supplemental Report.

Telegram received by committee: "Committee favorable to South. Synod uncertain. Particulars by mail. J. A. LEAS."

Respectfully submitted,

E. NELANDER,
Chairman.

On motion, the Special Committee on Pacific Coast Theological Seminary was continued, and a vote of thanks was extended to them for their work the past year.

Dr. G. G. Burnett's resignation from the committee was refused by unanimous vote of Synod.

Report of Devotional Committee.

Your Committee on Devotional Services beg leave to report the following assignments for Sunday, May 14th:

Rev. H. J. Weaver. 9.45 A. M. Sunday School. Grace Church. 11 A. M. Second Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. E. Hoick. 11 A. M. Grace Lutheran Church.

Rev. C. F. Oehler. 11 A. M. Emmanuel German Lutheran Church.

Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D. 11 A. M. First Baptist Church. 7.45 P. M. Grace Lutheran Church.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman. 9.45 A. M. Sunday School. Grace Church. 7.30 P. M. First Baptist Church. 2.30 P. M. Young Men's Christian Association.

Rev. W. L. Remsburg. Oakland. A. M. and P. M.

Rev. A. E. Deitz. 11 A. M. First Church, San Francisco. 7.45 P. M. Grace Lutheran Church.

Rev. E. H. Hadlock, Ph. D. 11 A. M. First Presbyterian Church. 2. 30 P. M. Grace Church. Christian Endeavor Rally.

Rev. P. W. H. Frederick. 9.45 A. M. Sunday School. German Lutheran Church. 11 A. M. Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Rev. O. H. Gruver. 7.30 P. M. First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Gehrcke. 9.45 A. M. Sunday School. Grace Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Report of Excess and Deficit Committee. (See Appendix C.)

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

There is nothing in the Minutes of the North and South Conferences calling for the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM BRANDES.

Report of Committee on Constitution and Application of the Church at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Your Committee on the Constitution and application of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer of San Francisco, Cal., and of St. Mark's Church of Los Angeles, Cal., have carefully examined the documents submitted, and beg to report that said congregations did (San Francisco on the 10th of May, 1905, and Los Angeles the 16th of April, 1905) adopt the Constitution prescribed by the General Synod; and we further find that said congregations empowered its officers to apply for admittance to California Synod, which applications were submitted in due form.

We, therefore, heartily recommend that said congregations be received into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

Respectfully submitted, HERMANN GEHRCKE,
W. L. REMSBERG,
W. H. NAFFZIGER.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry.

Your Committee on Examination for the Ministry respectfully beg to report that upon request by President of Synod we examined Brother J. Philip Anshutz, candidate for ministry in the General Synod Lutheran Church, on December 29th, 1904, and recommended that the President of Synod grant to him an *ad interim* license. Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., acted as member of

committee in absence of Rev. J. E. Hoick. Rev. Anshutz is now pastor of our General Synod Mission in Pueblo, Col.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. OEHLER,
E. NELANDER,
J. E. HOICK.

(Note in Protocol.)

Report of Church Extension Committee.

The Church Extension Committee beg leave to report that the Board of Church Extension loaned $1,000.00 to the church at Pasadena to help in purchasing a lot, this sum being kindly released by the First Church of Los Angeles for this purpose.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies have raised $700.00 toward a church building in Santa Barbara, and the Board of Church Extension have promised $300.00 on purchase of a lot.

The women are now raising $1,000.00 for Trinity Church in Pasadena, and have given Redlands $2,000.00 in the past year.

The thanks of this Synod are due the Woman's Executive Committee and the Board of Church Extension for their kind and generous assistance afforded to our struggling churches.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
P. W. H. FREDERICK.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

A communication was received from Mr. W. S. T. Derr, Secretary of Joint Committee of Lutherans of Washington and Oregon, containing an invitation to the members of the California Synod, pastors, and congregations to participate in the Grand Luther Day to be observed in Portland on July 30th, this summer, during the time of the Lewis & Clark World's Fair.

We recommend (1) that our Secretary extend the thanks of the Synod to Secretary Derr; and (2) that we draw the attention of our people visiting the Clark & Lewis Fair to the Grand Luther Day there to be celebrated.

Your committee has a communication from Rev. C. M. Esbjorn, President of California Conference of Augustana Synod, containing resolutions of protest by said body against the alleged missionary operations of Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., among Swedish Lutherans in San Francisco.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the Ministerium.

A lengthy communication of 20 pages was received from Rev. Lutz Horn, of Fresno, Cal., setting forth the history of his labors in that city in establishing a Lutheran Church, ascribing the present discouragement of the people and the difficulties in the work to the failure of both Church Extension Board and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to lend assistance toward the erection of a church building—the congregation itself having provided the lot. We recommend that the matter be laid into the hands of the Home Missionary Committee of the California Synod, and that this committee send a

clerical member of Synod to Fresno to encourage the people and to investigate any difficulties existing in the field.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
J. E. HOICK.

Adjourned, with prayer by the President.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 2.30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Naffziger.
Roll call.
Reading and adoption of minutes.
(Note in Protocol.)
Adjourned.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 4.45 P. M.

Prayer by P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Report of Apportionment Committee. (See Appendix A.)

Treasurer authorized to pay salary of Secretary. (See Protocol.)

Treasurer authorized to pay postage and stationery expenses of President and Standing Committees.

$5.00 voted to the janitor of Grace Lutheran Church.

Report of Agreement Between the Board of Church Extension and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions in regard to a certain agreement between the Board of Church Extension and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society beg to submit the following:

WHEREAS, By an agreement between the Church Extension Board and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, the former will lend no aid where the latter has inaugurated a new work; and,

WHEREAS, One of our new missions inaugurated by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has thereby received a serious backset because the Church Extension Board refused aid for the erection of a church building, whilst the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society also refused to lend assistance; be it

Resolved, That we, by our delegates to General Synod, lay this matter before these two great agencies of our Church, and that they be instructed to use their best endeavors to bring about a better understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. OEHLER,
J. E. HOICK,
P. S. LEISENRING,
G. G. BURNETT,
W. S. HOSKINSON.

WHEREAS, The faithful women of our churches are fairly well organized and are doing zealous work for Christ and the Church, and there is still a lack of organization among our Lutheran men; be it

Resolved, That each pastor during the coming Synodical year use his best endeavors to organize within his congregation a "Men's League," for the purpose of advancing the cause of the Lutheran Church and building up the individual congregations.

WHEREAS, There is a tendency in some of our Sunday schools to neglect the literature of the Lutheran Church for that of other churches or of irresponsible publication houses; be it

Resolved, That we as a Synod consider the Sunday school literature of our own Publication Society second to none, and that we consider it the duty of each pastor in our Synod to see to it that our own Lutheran literature be used in our Sunday schools.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be urgently asked to add $100.00 per annnum to the salary of Rev. George R. Bird.

$100.00 of Synodical Home Mission money was set aside for use as the Home Mission Committee may decide.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. A. J. Hartsock.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 8 P. M.

Addresses were made by Chaplain O. C. Miller on Mission Work in the Philippines; and by Rev. C. F. Oehler on Foreign Missions. The latter address was illustrated by stereopticon slides.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 10 P. M.

Prayer by the President.

Roll call.

Election of Officers.

Tellers: Dr. G. G. Burnett and Mr. Samuel Focht.

President—Rev. William E. Crouser.

Secretary—Rev. George H. Hillerman.

Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Five hundred copies of Minutes ordered printed.

Resolved, That we accept with thanks the offer of Mr. J. A. Bohn in behalf of the Sunday school and Young People's Society of Oakland of $100.00, to be used in canvassing promising Home Mission fields.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty appreciation and thanks to the members of Grace Lutheran Church, San José, for their hospitable entertainment, to the choir for their excellent music, to the ladies for the bountiful noon-day repast, to Rev. and Mrs. Crouser for their untiring zeal, and to the papers of San José for their kindness in reporting our meetings.

WHEREAS, Numbers of Lutherans are annually lost to the Church by changing their places of residence, and by failing to unite with the congregation on whose territory they have removed; and

WHEREAS, Numbers of such persons might be saved to the Church by uniting with a congregation in their new place of residence; therefore

Resolved, That Lutherans, changing their place of residence, be urgently requested to take letters of transfer to the Lutheran congregation nearest their new home. That, in case of the removal of parishioners, the pastor of the church to which the person removing belonged should notify the pastor of the church in the new location of such removal, and shall furnish the person or persons changing their residence with letters of introduction to the pastor nearest their new place of abode.

The California Synod leaves San José with a vivid impression of its beautiful sights and hospitable homes, the loyal Lutheranism and its devoted people, and with a grateful remembrance which will ever delight to recall this as one of the most pleasing conventions in its history.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
S. S. FOCHT.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence notes with pleasure the success that has attended the beneficent operations of our churches. The methods employed seem to be the observance of the special days. There are four such days, to which a few have added Christmas, as an appropriate time for the presentation of our "California Missions." Where such regular methods prevail and are working successfully it would be superfluous to suggest anything. Every pastor will do well to study the situation and adopt measures as seem wisest.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. REMSBERG.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your Committee on Absentees and Excuses report absent from Synod the following clerical members: Revs. S. Sprecher, D. D., J. S. Moser, J. Schmierer, Lutz Horn, George R Bird, L. C. Routzahn, and the following lay delegates: Messrs. A. T. Lien, William Bosbyshell, S. A. Phillippy, W. Betten, and Gustav Kroeger. These brethren have been heard from and we recommend that they be excused. Rev. A. C. Delbo is absent, but not excused.

The following beg to leave Synod before its close, and we recommend that they be excused: Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.; W. Brandes, A. Jatho, W. L. Remsberg, and H. Gehrcke, and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

Respectfully submitted, HERMANN GEHRCKE,
J. A. BOHN.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

The Committee on State of the Church desires to submit the following report:

There came into our hands, with commendable promptitude, reports from all the pastorates composing the Synod, excepting one. These disclose a praiseworthy effort to exhibit the real condition of their respective congregations. In a few instances, however, there were omissions to questions in the printed form, which we wish had been supplied. In cases of uncertainty, where strict accuracy seemed to have been lacking, it might have been better to have given approximate estimates. This would have aided us to make a more satisfactory report. In nothing is our judgment so uncertain as in its estimate of the Church's true state; but from the data given we present the following:

1. There are 16 pastorates in the Synod, with 1 in process of formation. All, with little exception, have been supplied with regular preaching through-

out the year. The morning services have been attended by about 75 per cent. of the membership; the evening services by about 55 per cent. All of the reports show an increase in church membership, except 5, in which heavy losses by removals have equaled their gains, and 2 have suffered losses a little in excess. The aggregate gain over all losses is 9. The Sunday school has increased its enrollment and has an average attendance of about 60 per cent. Mid-week prayer-meetings are reported from only 9 charges. It is hoped that this phase of church life—this vital expression of our Christian faith and dependence—may receive such attention as circumstances may permit. The average attendance at prayer meeting is computed at 26 per cent., a very fair proportion. General expressions and indications justify the conclusion that the spiritual condition of the Church is good.

2. The various societies of the churches seem to be in a flourishing condition. All of the pastorates, except a few of those newly organized, report Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. Besides, there are Mission Bands, Aid Societies, Men's Clubs, Luther Bands, all giving evidences of marked prosperity and activity. The Missionary Societies are generally praised for their faithfulness, liberality and devotion, and that in manner that would greatly cheer them to know. It is a hopeful sign to note the increased interest in Young People's Societies, four of which have been newly organized.

3. The financial status of the churches indicates a healthful condition. Five report material additions to their church property; a few have liquidated some of their debts, and a few have incurred new obligations, but not extravagantly nor beyond their means. Nearly all of the pastors have their salaries promptly paid, and one boasts of his in advance. Nine of the pastorates have met or overpaid their apportionment. Subscriptions, payable by the envelope system, in weekly or monthly installments, seem to be the prevailing method of collecting finances.

4. The subject of Church Literature might, with great propriety, claim our serious attention. 179 church papers and 143 *Missionary Journals* are a small proportion in a Synodical membership of over sixteen hundred members. We, as pastors, cannot afford to neglect this great educator of our people. This is doubly true in mission churches. Its importance is forced upon our attention by the requirements of the Home Mission Board. It is hoped that pastors will undertake to encourage the circulation of our Church literature in their respective congregations.

5. We are grateful to report four young men studying for the ministry. These come from three of our charges.

And now, gathering courage from the past, let us take increased devotion to the remaining work of our brief life, hoping to render a better account of ourselves in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. REMSBERG,
Chairman.

Resolved, That the next convention of California Synod assemble in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Cal., on the third Wednesday after Easter, May 2d, 1906, at 7.45 P. M.

Minutes read and approved.

Synod adjourned with prescribed forms.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

REDLANDS, SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 1 P. M.

Ministerium opened with prayer by the President.

After roll call the President presented the applications of Rev. H. S. Feix, from the German Evangelical Synod of North America, and of Rev. E. H. Hadlock, Ph. D., from the Congregational Church, to unite with the California Synod of the Lutheran Church.

After careful examination it was

Resolved, That Rev. H. S. Feix be admitted into the membership of California Synod.

(Note in Protocol.)

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. Gehrcke.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 3 P. M.

Ministerium opened with prayer by Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Rev. E. H. Hadlock, Ph. D., appeared before the Ministerium, and after thorough examination on points of doctrine and polity of the Lutheran Church, and reasons for entering the Lutheran ministry, his name was entered on the roll of California Synod.

WHEREAS, A protest has been received from the California Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod regarding the missionary labors of Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., of the California Synod.

WHEREAS, We neither desire a breach of the "agreement or understanding believed to be existing between the General Council and the General Synod,"

nor a severance of the fraternal relations existing between the brethren of the California Synod and the Augustana Conference.

WHEREAS, The protest causes a damaging reflection to be cast upon the integrity of Dr. Nelander and the honor of the California Synod.

WHEREAS, A misapprehension seems to exist regarding the facts in the case; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deem this statement desirable.

1. *Resolved*, That the mission referred to is not a mission in the Swedish language.

2. *Resolved*, That the English language is used exclusively in the conduct of divine worship; also that during a period of over eight years the brother in question has, with a single exception, used the English language in public worship in the city of San Francisco.

3. *Resolved*, That with the presence in city of San Francisco of thousands of unchurched Lutherans, we deem the establishment of another Lutheran church in San Francisco both desirable and needful.

Resolved, That as a Synod, we place on record our highest appreciation of our brother, and strongly urge him to continue in the prosecution of this work so hopeful and promising.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, to the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America, and to the President of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, also to the President of the California Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America.

For violation of requirements of the Constitution of Synod, Article VIII., Section 4, the name of Rev. A. C. Delbo was by motion stricken from the roll of Synod.

Ministerium adjourned, with prayer by Rev. C. F. Oehler.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 5.40 P. M.

Minutes of preceding sessions read and approved.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.

The above is correct statement of all business of Ministerium.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1905-1906.

	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	S. S. and Y. P. S. Home Missions.	Grand Totals.
Rate	....	.02	.09	.28	.20	.20	.12	.07	.07	.05	.10	.20	.....
Alameda, Rev. Brandes	72	$1 44	$6 48	$20 16	$14 40	$14 40	$8 64	$5 04	$5 04	$3 60	$7 20	$16 20	$102 60
Los Angeles, Rev. Weaver	306	6 12	27 54	85 68	61 20	61 20	36 72	21 42	21 42	15 30	30 60	38 00	405 20
Los Angeles, Rev. Bird	18	36	1 62	5 04	3 60	3 60	2 16	1 26	1 26	90	1 80	3 80	25 40
Oakland, Rev. Gruver	100	2 00	9 00	28 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	10 00	28 60	148 60
Pasadena, Rev. Frederick	48	96	4 32	13 44	9 60	9 60	5 76	3 36	3 36	2 40	4 80	9 40	67 00
Redlands, Rev. Hillerman	44	88	3 96	12 32	8 80	8 80	5 28	3 08	3 08	2 20	4 40	16 00	68 80
Riverside, Rev. Deitz	57	1 14	5 13	15 96	11 40	11 40	6 84	3 99	3 99	2 85	5 70	19 20	87 60
Sacramento, Dr. Hoskinson	138	2 76	12 42	38 64	27 60	27 60	16 56	9 66	9 66	6 90	13 80	30 80	196 40
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	310	6 20	27 90	86 80	62 00	62 00	37 20	21 70	21 70	15 50	31 00	48 40	420 40
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	100	2 00	9 00	28 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	10 00	24 00	144 00
San Francisco, Dr. Nelander	34	68	3 06	9 52	6 80	6 80	4 08	2 38	2 38	1 70	3 40	13 00	53 80
San Francisco, Dr. Hadlock	154	3 08	13 86	43 12	30 80	30 80	18 48	10 78	10 78	7 70	15 40	35 60	220 40
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	104	2 08	9 36	29 12	20 80	20 80	12 48	7 28	7 28	5 20	10 40	19 00	143 80
San Francisco, Rev. Jatho	54	1 08	4 86	15 12	10 80	10 80	6 48	3 78	3 78	2 70	5 40	25 00	89 80
San José, Rev. Crouser	72	1 44	6 48	20 16	14 40	14 40	8 64	5 04	5 04	3 60	7 20	26 60	113 00
Santa Barbara, Rev. Remsberg	30	60	2 70	8 40	6 00	6 00	3 60	2 10	2 10	1 50	3 00	11 00	47 00
Itemized Totals	1641	$32 82	$147 69	$459 48	$328 20	$328 20	$196 92	$114 87	$114 87	$82 05	$164 10	$364 60	$2333 80

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER, P. S. LEISENRING.

APPENDIX B.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 24, 1904, to May 8, 1905.*

CONGREGATIONS.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	S.S. and Y.P.S. Home Missions.	Grand Total.
To Balance	.....	$11 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$47 79	$103 09	$162 12
From Ministerial Education	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142 15	.....	142 15
Alameda	$1 30	5 85	$14 25	$9 00	$3 00	$3 00	$2 00	.....	$1 00	$1 00	.....	4 10	44 50
Fresno (German)	.....	.....	4 60	.....	2 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 40
Los Angeles	$5 60	25 20	78 40	56 00	56 00	33 60	19 60	$4 00	19 60	14 00	28 00	34 50	374 50
Oakland	1 86	8 10	25 20	18 20	18 00	10 80	6 30	.....	6 30	4 50	9 00	32 00	140 26
Pasadena	.....	3 06	9 52	18 81	4 50	4 08	2 38	.....	.....	1 70	.....	2 00	46 05
Redlands	90	4 46	12 05	10 85	8 60	5 16	3 05	.....	3 05	2 15	4 30	7 80	62 37
Riverside	1 50	6 50	20 40	14 40	14 75	9 20	5 05	.....	5 25	3 60	7 20	22 00	109 85
Sacramento (German)	6 20	27 90	86 80	62 00	62 00	37 20	21 70	.....	21 70	.....	31 00	46 50	403 00
Sacramento (English)	2 80	8 00	30 20	7 60	7 60	5 00	5 00	.....	3 20	.....	14 05	3 00	86 45
San Diego	2 00	9 00	28 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	.....	7 00	5 00	10 00	24 00	144 00
San Francisco (English)	5 66	25 47	100 00	56 60	56 60	33 96	19 81	.....	19 81	14 15	28 30	34 20	394 56
San Francisco (German)	2 00	8 65	20 88	28 20	19 50	4 52	75	.....	2 00	50	9 60	11 00	107 60
St. Andrew's, San Francisco	64	2 88	9 00	8 90	6 40	3 84	2 24	.....	2 24	1 60	3 20	1 81	42 75
San José	1 20	5 40	16 80	12 00	12 00	7 20	4 20	.....	4 20	3 00	6 00	.....	72 00
Santa Barbara	48	2 16	6 72	4 80	4 80	2 88	1 68	.....	1 68	1 20	2 40	8 49	37 20
Rev. J. Schmierer	50	50	1 00	3 00	50	50	50	50	50	50	1 00	.....	9 00
Rev. Routzahn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	20 00
Amount received	$32 64	$154 37	$463 82	$330 36	$297 05	$172 94	$101 26	$4 50	$97 53	$52 90	$363 99	$334 40	$2405 76
Amount remitted	30 50	140 40	463 82	329 36	297 05	172 94	101 26	4 50	97 53	52 90	299 25	170 21	2159 72
Difference	$2 14	$13 97	.....	$1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$64 74	$164 19	$246 04

Janitor at Riverside	$5 00
Treasurer's fare to Synod	6 35
Rev. George Hillerman, Secretary	25 00
The Lutheran Publication Society for printing Minutes and postage	92 09
Treasurer's expenses, exchange, etc.	11 96
On hand in Synodical Treasury	13 97
	$154 37

Received for Synodical Treasury $154 37

Respectfully submitted.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*

	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$1 30			$5 85			$14 25		$3 95	$9 00		$4 00	$3 00		$10 00	$3 00		$4 80
Fresno (German)							4 60	$4 60					2 80	$2 80				
Los Angeles	5 60			25 20			78 40			56 00			56 00			33 60		
Oakland	1 86	$0 06		8 10			25 20			18 20	$0 20		18 00			10 80		
Pasadena			$0 68	3 06			9 52			18 81	12 01		4 50		2 30	4 08		
Redlands	90	04		4 46	$0 59		12 05	01		10 85	2 25		8 60			5 16		
Riverside	1 50	06		6 50	02		20 40	24		14 40			14 75	35		9 20	$0 56	
Sacramento (German)	6 20			27 90			86 80			62 00			62 00			37 20		
Sacramento (English)	2 80	04		8 00		$4 42	30 20		8 44	7 60		20 00	7 60		20 00	5 00		11 56
San Diego	2 00			9 00			28 00			20 00			20 00			12 00		
San Francisco (English)	5 66			25 47			100 00	20 76		56 60			56 60			33 96		
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	2 00	08		8 65	01		20 88		6 00	28 20	9 00		19 50	30		4 52		7 00
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	64			2 88			9 00	04		8 90	2 50		6 40			3 84		
San José	1 20			5 40			16 80			12 00			12 00			7 20		
Santa Barbara	48			2 16			6 72			4 80			4 80			2 88		
Rev. J. Schmierer	50	50		50	50		1 00	1 00		3 00	3 00		50	50		50	50	
Rev. L. C. Routzahn																		
Net Totals	$32 64	$0 10		$143 13		$3 30	$463 82	$8 26		$330 36	$4 96		$297 05		$28 35	$172 94		$22 30

	Pastors' Fund.			Deaconess Board.			Home for the Aged.			Synodical Home Missions.			S. S. and Y. P. Societies Missions.			Grand Totals.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda	$2 00		$2 55	$1 00		$3 55	$1 00		$2 25			$6 50	$4 10		$10 90	$44 50		$48 50
Fresno (German)																7 40	$7 40	
Los Angeles	19 60			19 60			14 00			$28 00			34 50	$0 10		370 50	10	
Oakland	6 30			6 30			4 50			9 00			32 00			140 26	26	
Pasadena	2 38					2 38	1 70					3 40	2 00		6 20	46 05		2 95
Redlands	3 05	$0 04		3 05	$0 04		2 15			4 30			7 80			62 37	2 97	
Riverside	5 05	01		5 25	21		3 60			7 20			22 00			109 85	1 45	
Sacramento (German)	21 70			21 70					15 50	31 00			46 50	50		403 00		15 00
Sacramento (English)	5 00		4 66	3 20		6 46			6 90	14 05	$0 25		3 00		31 80	86 45		113 95
San Diego	7 00			7 00			5 00			10 00			24 00			144 00		
San Francisco (English)	19 81			19 81			14 15			28 30			34 20			394 56	20 76	
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	75		5 97	2 00		4 72	50		4 30	9 60			11 00		7 00	107 60		25 60
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	2 24			2 24			1 60			3 20			1 81		22 39	42 75		19 85
San José	4 20			4 20			3 00			6 00					18 40	72 00		18 40
Santa Barbara	1 68			1 68			1 20			2 40			8 40			37 20		
Rev. J. Schmierer	50	50		50	50		50	$0 50		1 00	1 00					8 50	8 50	
Rev. L. C. Routzahn										20 00	20 00					20 00	20 00	
Net Totals	$101 26		$12 63	$97 53		$16 36	$52 90		$28 45	$174 05	$11 35		$231 31		$96 09	$2096 99		$182 81

Respectfully submitted, A. E. DEITZ, P. W. H. FREDERICK.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																				
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses.			Accessions.					Communicant Membership.	Baptized but Unconfirmed Membership.	Total Membership.	Finances.			Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.				Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	
Alameda, Rev. William Brandes, 753 Railroad Ave.	Christ's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	..	..	19	3	....	2	6	....	....	12	..	72	....	72	$2600 00	$1000 00	$820 75	1
Fresno, Rev. Lutz Horn, 318 J St.	Wartburg Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	28	..	29	37	66	400 00	.....	408 00	2
Los Angeles, Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, 1241 W. 9th St.	First English Lutheran	1	..	2	1	23	5	13	35	15	4	36	34	5	306	94	400	33000 00	3600 00	5075 82	3
Los Angeles, Rev. George Robert Bird, D. D., 1250 W. 38th St.	St. Mark's Lutheran	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	14	..	18	2	20	.....	.....	75 00	4
Oakland, Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, 642 18th St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	2	20	....	6	10	12	3	17	4	2	100	40	140	22000 00	8000 00	1591 58	5
Pasadena, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, 321 N. Madison Ave.	Trinity Evan. Lutheran	1	..	1	..	8	....	....	4	7	1	9	8	..	48	33	81	4000 00	2200 00	395 40	6
Redlands, Rev. George H. Hillerman, Olive Ave. and Myrtle St.	First Evan. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	9	....	....	17	4	....	1	15	2	44	37	81	7000 00	3200 00	3469 99	7
Riverside, Rev. A. E. Deitz, 925 Walnut St.	Trinity Evan. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	....	1	7	9	2	1	....	1	..	57	47	104	5200 00	.....	672 90	8
Sacramento, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., 1415 18th St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	2	..	12	2	6	12	12	3	6	4	7	138	120	258	16000 00	2000 00	1634 14	9
Sacramento, Rev. Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St.	German Lutheran	1	..	2	..	21	9	2	10	44	....	19	2	..	310	323	633	20000 00	.....	3066 81	10
San Diego, Rev. J. E. Hoick, 1406 3d St.	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	4	2	5	7	8	....	2	8	4	100	36	136	15000 00	2300 00	1229 60	11

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Continued.*

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y.P.SOCIETIES.			DUES.		BENEVOLENCE.												
				Contributions.			Contributions.																
Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	6	75	$60 25	$13 15	15	20 00	$4 10	$1 30	$5 85	$18 35	$9 00	$3 00	$3 00	.....	$21 05	$2 00	.....	$1 00	$1 00	.....	$65 55	$886 30
2	1	4	40	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 60	.....	2 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 40	415 40
3	1	20	170	480 38	77 80	33	13 60	14 67	5 60	25 20	140 90	61 00	56 00	33 60	.....	142 55	19 60	$4 00	19 60	14 00	$189 00	711 05	5786 87
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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Continued.*

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																			Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses.			Accessions.					Communicant Membership.	Baptized but Unconfirmed Membership.	Total Membership.	Finances.			
							Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.				Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	
San Francisco, Rev. Edwin H. Hadlock, Ph. D., 1319 Geary St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	1	2	17	....	6	147	46	1	22	1	..	154	318	472	$55000 00	$8700 00	$3383 49	12
San Francisco, Rev. Hermann Gehrcke, 785 Golden Gate Ave.	St. Matthew's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	....	..	14	....	3	3	27	...	14	....	..	104	115	219	8000 00	.....	2370 25	13
San Francisco, Rev. Adolf Jatho, 1322 Adeline St., Oakland	St. Andrew's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	21	2	....	1	20	....	14	....	11	54	110	164	14000 00	4000 00	693 35	14
San José, Rev. William E. Crouser, 558 N. 4th St.	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	12	1	....	1	9	5	....	9	..	72	59	131	15000 00	2800 00	950 10	15
Santa Barbara, Rev. Wilson L. Remsberg	Grace Lutheran	1	..	1	..	4	....	....	4	1	....	3	7	..	30	20	50	.....	.....	164 70	16
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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y.P. SOCIETIES.			DUES.		BENEVOLENCE.												
				Contributions.			Contributions.																
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
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Respectfully submitted, J. W. FRICKE, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

FIRST SESSION.

San José, Friday, May 12, 1905, 9.30 a. m.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California Synod opened Friday morning, May 12th, 1905, in the parlor of Grace Lutheran Church, San José, Cal., the President, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, in the chair.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. Hoick.

Credentials were received and the following officers and delegates were enrolled:

San Diego—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Miss Lou Leisenring (*a. e.*), Miss Lizzie Herbert (*a. e.*).

a. e. Absent and excused.

San Francisco, English—Mrs. S. E. B. Myers (*a. e.*), Mrs. J. Everding, Mrs. G. G. Burnett, Mrs. E. Johansen, Mrs. M. Lund.

St. Matthew's—Mrs. Ida Hermes.

St. Andrew's—Mrs. J. Brickwedel, Mrs. Schaefer.

Oakland—Mrs. George Saxton (*a. e.*), Mrs. C. R. Mitchell, Miss Rosa Flathman.

San Jose—Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. L. C. Smith, Mrs. Walter Gregg.

Sacramento, German—Miss Kate Stuber.

Christian Endeavor Society—Miss Carrie Lothhammer.

Sacramento, English—Mrs. W. L. Jones, Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson.

Redlands and Riverside—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.

Alameda—Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Sommer (*a. e.*).

Mrs. W. E. Crouser, in behalf of the San José Auxiliary, extended greetings to the visiting delegates.

The "response" was given by Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, of Redlands.

President's Address.

Dear Sisters and Friends: In the name of the Master I greet you. As we have assembled in this our Fourteenth Annual Convention, it is with feelings of joy and gratitude to our heavenly Father for His guidance and tender leading through another year of service. In the progress of time we are gathered again in this beautiful church, located in the "Garden City" of our State, where nine years ago our convention was held. And as we meet to-day and recognize familiar friends, it speaks of faithful service in the past; for many of you have taken an active part in our Synodical work; while the new faces—sisters who meet with us for the first time—bring to us a hope for the future.

SILVER JUBILEE.

The General Society this month celebrates its Silver Jubilee Anniversary and it is becoming that we should speak of the rise and progress of this organization with which we are connected. How small and seemingly insignificant are the beginnings of great enterprises! Ideas that seem sporadic take possession of a few people simultaneously; these individuals are drawn together, forming an organization, and a movement is started that affects the world. As

a. e. Absent and excused.

the years have swept along, the number of missionary societies has rapidly increased ; and as stars come out at night, one by one, until the heavens are resplendent with their brightness, so this galaxy of local and synodical luminaries came into being. God has wonderfully blessed the labors of the women of our beloved Lutheran Church, and may He continue to direct and bless them in every avenue of missionary work is our earnest prayer.

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

Encouraging Messages.—These have come from many societies which "feel strengthened because of the interest shown in the work ;" "the financial growth ;" "the promptness and increase in attendance," and "the faithfulness of members."

New Societies.—We have cause to rejoice when we consider the number of new societies that have been organized during the past year.

(*a*) On August 6th, 1904, I received a letter from our Santa Barbara Mission stating that they had organized a society with 10 members.

(*b*) The women at Pasadena entered into this phase of Christian work in October, 1904, with a membership of 12.

(*c*) And on April 6th, 1905, the women of our Redlands Church effected their organization ; they report 17 members.

(*d*) April 28th, 1905, I received a letter from St. Mark's Church, Los Angeles, which was organized last December, stating that they now have a Ladies' Auxiliary which includes the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and that, when it is possible to do so, they hope to be a helping factor in this part of the work of our Church.

(*e*) We can add to the list of societies already named a Mission Band, organized in the Sacramento German Church about six months ago, and we rejoice to know that the young are taking an interest in this great work.

To all these members who have recently joined our ranks we give a hearty welcome and bespeak for them a bright and hopeful future.

Financial Results.—We are pleased to note that from year to year there is an advancement in the total amount of our contributions. It encourages us greatly to know that we are steadily moving forward in this line of our work, and that during the past year we have raised more money than in any preceding year.

The General Fund has been well supported, a special interest taken in many of the other funds, including the missions in our State ; and our Thank-offering was larger than ever before.

Resignation.—On account of removal from our State, Mrs. W. S. Fry, our Synodical Treasurer, was compelled to resign. Her resignation was received August 10th, and after corresponding with several members in various parts of the State in regard to taking the office, and finding them reluctant to do so, I conferred with Miss Leisenring, of San Diego. She consented to take the

Treasurership, was duly appointed September 1st, 1904, and has since served acceptably.

Conferences.—Good reports have been received concerning the Bay Cities' Conference which is held quarterly. The last meeting was in March at St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco. I feel confident that these gatherings have been a help to many.

The women of Southern California rendered a missionary programme during one of the sessions of the conference which met in Pasadena the first week in October, 1904. Several papers were read and addresses made on our woman's work.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Let me urge you all to more faithful service. Can we say we are always living on the missionary watch-tower looking for opportunities? I know that there has been self-sacrificing work on the part of many to make results possible during the year; but let us take for our motto for another year, "More diligent labor, more earnest prayer."

2. I would suggest that a canvass be made by each society for new members and then for *life members*. This is a phase of the work in which we need to take more interest. To become a life member, it is required that $10.00 be paid at one time into the General Fund. Every society should have at least one life member, and, though she may not pay the necessary amount herself, the society can do it for her.

3. As the Synodical Vice-Presidents are usually chosen one from the central and one from the southern part of the State, I would recommend that they have for their special work the prepartion of the programmes for the conferences.

CONCLUSION.

Let us remember, if at times we become discouraged, that we do not stand alone; but we belong to a great company—a great host of women who are publishing the Gospel which brings joy and peace and gladness to every heart that accepts its guiding influence. This work prevents one from becoming self-centred, or gathering into one's life that which is wood, hay, and stubble; instead we are extending the borders of the kingdom and endeavoring to lift up those who are without God.

The history of a missionary society is like that of a little rill; a mere thread of silver; scarce parting the grass as it flows forth from the hidden spring; so tiny that a thirsty creature of the forest might drink it dry at a draught; but, however often drained, still flowing forth, spreading and widening, refreshing and beautifying the land as it rushes on to join the mystic sea—that emblem of the eternal force of God. Such a nucleus of unsuspected power is every missionary society. Though it may be small, it has been abundantly proven in these modern times that, when well and intelligently conducted, it is something more than an aggregation of numbers. Every woman who has come into hearty co-operation with the work is better to-day for the touch she

has received, more wholesome in her influence; while her mutual missionary interest corresponds with that of all the women of our Lutheran Church and her sympathy goes out to women throughout the whole world. Dr. Pierson says, "Let woman appreciate her opportunity, for this is the golden age of her reign and she holds a sceptre that sweeps empires. Let her show herself to be a power ordered of God to fulfill a holy mission."

"Then in thy glorious beauty rise,
O daughter of the King;
And like an army bright with banners
Lift the cross on high.
And let the watch-word ring,
'The world for Christ,' to every land
Beneath the sky."

In conclusion, I desire to thank you all for the confidence you have reposed in me as your presiding officer. We have labored together in peace and harmony during these two years, and I trust that the blessings we have received in the work have outweighed the labor. The duties of the convention now lie before us. Let us discharge them thoughtfully and prayerfully, seeking wisdom from on high.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK.

Miss Kate Stuber, Corresponding Secretary, read her annual report.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented. (See page 42).

Owing to the absence of Mrs. Myers, the Historian's Report was read by Mrs. G. G. Burnett.

Mrs. G. H. Hillerman gave an account of the work done by the Thank-Offering Secretary and Literature Committee.

The Secretary read letters of greeting from Mrs. L. K. Krechting, General President; Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer; Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary of the Executive Committee; Miss S. E. Stoever, Secretary of Mission Band Department; and Mrs. S. E. B. Myers, Synodical Historian.

Mrs. W. E. Crouser was appointed temporary Treasurer.

The offering was $1.90.

Sentence prayers were offered, and convention adjourned.

Report of W. H. and F. M. Society of California for 1904-1905.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30, 1904.	Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1904.		Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1904.			Quarter Ending March 31, 1905.							Total.
	General Fund.	General Fund.	Bed in India.	General Fund.	Thank-Offering.	Columbus.	General Fund.	Santa Barbara.	Pasadena.	Silver Jubilee.	Roger's Park.	Fresno.	Synodical Fund.	
Balance										$8 00			$33 75	$41 75
Alameda	$4 80	$4 80		$4 65			$4 80						2 75	21 80
Los Angeles	7 60	7 10	$5 00	6 40	$15 00		6 50	$5 00		22 00	$2 50		5 00	82 10
Los Angeles, A. F. C. Mission Band		6 00					5 00			10 00				21 00
Oakland			2 30	12 60			3 20					$3 27	2 00	23 37
Pasadena			2 20				2 65	2 80		23 00			2 00	32 65
Redlands										4 50				4 50
Riverside	5 25	4 15	6 50	6 05	18 94	$4 60	5 80	2 78	$2 78	8 10			6 35	71 30
Sacramento (English)	2 65	2 45	3 00	1 65	7 84		2 60	3 00	3 00	5 00			1 60	32 79
Sacramento (German)	18 90	18 00	12 00	18 00	15 00	5 00	18 00	5 00	5 00	16 50			11 40	142 80
Sacramento (German), Christian Endeavor		5 00					5 00							10 00
Santa Barbara		58	1 75	45	3 69		46						30	7 23
San Diego		3 25	3 00	1 60	6 60		3 00	5 00	5 00	4 00			5 00	36 45
San Francisco (English)	3 30	3 20		3 40	2 50		9 50	3 75	2 50	10 00			5 00	43 15
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	7 50	10 00	5 50	7 50			8 00						5 00	43 50
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	2 15	3 95		4 15	2 80		5 25		2 73					21 03
San José	1 00		5 00	1 00	5 55		1 00						5 50	19 05
Amount received	53 15	68 48	46 25	67 45	77 92	9 60	80 76	27 33	21 01	111 10	2 50	3 27	85 65	654 47
Amount remitted	53 15	68 48	46 25	67 45	77 92	9 60	80 76	27 33	21 01	111 10	2 50	3 27		568 82
Amount in Treasury													$85 65	$85 65

Expenses.

President's Expenses	$10 65
Historian's Expenses	2 00
Corresponding Secretary	4 00
Programmes	2 50
Literature	2 05
Treasurer's Expenses	2 00
Sent to Mrs. Fry	1 00
Deficit in Literature	50

Amount in Treasury	$85 65
Offerings at Convention	16 36
	$102 01
Less Expenses	24 70

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1905, 2.30 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. C. R. Mitchell, of Oakland.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of the minutes.

The President announced the following

Committees.

Auditing—Miss Kate Stuber, Mrs. W. L. Jones.

President's Address—Mrs. G. G. Burnett, Mrs. E. Johansen.

Historian's and Literature Committee's Report—Mrs. C. R. Mitchell, Mrs. Walter Gregg, Mrs. Ida Hermes.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Miss Lothhammer, Miss Flathman.

Letters, Greetings, Papers—Mrs. Hoskinson, Mrs. Lund.

Resolutions—Mrs. Hillerman, Mrs. Brickwedel.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Everding, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Mitchell.

Reporters.

Lutheran Observer, World, Evangelist, Missionary Journal—Mrs. O. H. Gruver.

Zionsbote—Miss Kate Stuber.

Reports upon "What Our Society Has Done and Is Doing" were given by Auxiliary Delegates, showing increased interest along missionary lines, and, in many instances, an increase in contributions.

A poem, entitled "The New Church," was read by Miss Grace Stevenson, of San José.

Mrs. Hillerman read a letter from Sister Lydia Perry.

A Symposium upon "Missionary Ideals" followed:

(*a*) "The Model Member," written by Miss Belle Albright, of Los Angeles, was read by Mrs. O. H. Gruver.

(*b*) "The Model Society," written by Mrs. G. Grunewald, of Sacramento; read by Miss Stuber.

(*c*) "The Model Meeting," Mrs. W. L. Jones, of Sacramento.

Mrs. Fuller, mother of a Presbyterian missionary to Korea, spoke feelingly of the work in that field.

A solo, "Face to Face," was rendered by Miss Olga Sigurd, of San José.

Miss M. Folcke's paper upon "What Do We Gain by Engaging in Missionary Work?" was read by Mrs. Hermes.

The offering was $1.70.

Many joined in the prayer chain, and the society adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905, 1.30 P. M.

Miss Stuber conducted the devotional service.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of the minutes.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Report of the President for the past year, state that they have read the report with much pleasure. It is encouraging in enumerating the work done in our various missions, especially in the establishment of new societies, increase of membership, and financial returns, in its hopeful outlook for the future and its possibilities. We desire to attest to the faithful performance of the duties of our President during the occupancy of her term of office.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. G. BURNETT,
MRS. E. JOHANSEN.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge our gratitude to our heavenly Father for the blessings of another year in our labors for the extension of His kingdom.

2. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the addition of three new societies, and the increased contributions for the past year.

3. *Resolved*, That we urge the officers of all societies to be more *prompt* in attending to correspondence and *more accurate* in submitting reports to Synodical officers, in order to avoid confusion. "Let all things be done decently and in order," says St. Paul.

4. *Resolved*, That we suggest a more general use of literature in all our societies and *urge* that every society send to the chairman of the Literature Committee 25 cents per year to pay for the tracts furnished by this department.

5. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the pastor and his wife and the members of Grace Church, San José, for the delightful manner in which they have entertained us.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN,
MRS. J. H. BRICKWEDEL.

Report of Committee on Literature and Thank-offering.

We find the Literature Committee has sent out 180 tracts and written fifteen circular letters.

We would recommend that each society be assessed 25 cents for the expenses of the Literature Committee and the purchasing of missionary literature to help promote the interest at the monthly meetings.

We also recommend that eighteen tracts be ordered instead of fifteen, so that some member of every new church may have one as well as all of the societies and literature chairman.

We find the Thank-offering Secretary has sent out 300 boxes.

We recommend that a Thank-offering Secretary be appointed in each society to co-operate with the Synodical Thank-offering Secretary.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. R. MITCHELL,
MRS. WALTER GREGG,
MRS. IDA HERMES.

Report of Committee on Historian's Report.

Your committee to whom was referred the Historian's Report beg leave to submit the following:

Through the kindness of Mrs. G. G. Burnett we find the report more encouraging, and trust she may fill an office in the society for years.

We regret the absence of Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers. Her long experience in church work has been an uplifting to the meetings of the Auxiliary Societies and conventions. May a letter of appreciation and thanks be conveyed to her. May the dear Lord give her courage and strength to bear the ills of this life.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. JOHN EVERDING,
MRS. B. SCHAEFER.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary was examined and found correct as given.

Respectfully submitted, MISS R. FLATHMAN,
MISS C. LOTHAMMER.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Having carefully examined the Treasurer's Report and vouchers, we find it perfectly correct.

Respectfully submitted, MISS KATE STUBER,
MRS. W. L. JONES.

Report of Committee on Letters, Greetings, and Papers.

Mrs. Louise K. Krechting, our General President, sent an inspiring greeting in which she expressed strong commendation of the work done by our California women.

The General Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Miller, wrote us earnest and encouraging words of greeting, expressing gratitude for the large Thank-offering of the past year, and confidence in the result of the Jubilee Offering.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary of the Executive Committee, greeted us in words of gratitude over the work of the past year, and encouragement for that remaining to be done for the Silver Jubilee Fund.

The letter of Miss S. E. Stoever, Mission Band Department Secretary, was one of greeting and acknowledging the organization of a new band in California.

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Synodical Historian, sent greetings. On account of failing health, she asked to be relieved from the office of Historian.

Sister Lydia Perry, whom we all learned to love, during her years of labor and sacrifice among us, sent sweet messages of hope and courage to us.

The Symposium, "Missionary Ideals," was led by Miss Belle Albright, of Los Angeles, upon the subject, "The Model Member." She said the model member was found at the feet of Jesus in prayer, faithful in attendance, diligent in preparation of the Bible and Lesson Study, full of the spirit of sacrifice, loyal to officers, and conscious of her individual responsibility. The subject of Mrs. M. Grunewald, of Sacramento, was "The Model Society." Such a society must have model members. keep in touch with the General Boards, be systematic in its work and liberal in giving; the officers must be cheerful and conscientious, and each member constitute himself a committee to work up missionary enthusiasm.

Mrs. W. L. Jones, of Sacramento, told us of "The Model Meeting." The home and foreign work should be given equal prominence. History, biography, customs, etc., should be introduced. Promptness in beginning and closing meetings, hard work in the preparation of lessons, abundance of material to draw upon, are all essential.

"What Do We Gain in Engaging in Missionary Work?" was answered by Miss M. A. Folcke. Our gain is souls for our Master and a crown in heaven.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
MRS. M. LUND.

Round Table—"What has the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society been to me and what am I doing for it?" conducted by Mrs. J. Everding, of San Francisco.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

President's expenses	$21 20
300 convention programmes	3 25
Treasurer's expenses	2 50
Thank-offering Secretary	2 00
Corresponding Secretary's expenses	2 50
Total	$31 45

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers was made a Life Member, the money being contributed by loving friends present at convention. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to inform Mrs. Myers of the action taken and also to send for the certificate.

$50.00 was allowed Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, delegate to General Convention at Springfield, Ohio, for traveling expenses.

Election of officers followed. (See title page.)

The Vice-Presidents are to arrange the programmes for all conferences held in the district in which they reside.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Hay for the contribution of the expenses of her office.

Minutes of the session were read and approved.

An invitation to meet in St. Matthew's, San Francisco, in 1906, was accepted.

The President led in prayer, the doxology was sung, and the convention closed with the Mizpah.

SUNDAY EVENING.

MAY 14, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick read the Scripture.

Prayer by Mrs. G. H Hillerman.

The Home Mission Address was by Dr. E. Nelander, of San Francisco, and the Foreign Mission Address was by Rev. A. E. Deitz, of Riverside, Cal.

MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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REPORT

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NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Redlands, Cal.
Time—April 9th, 1907.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

Tuesday, 7.45 P. M. Sermon by the President.
"The Need for a Spiritual Awakening."
Holy Communion.

Wednesday, 7.45 P. M. Sermon by Rev. A. E. Deitz.
"Personal Cleansing."

Thursday, 3 P. M. Paper by Rev. W. L. Remsberg.
"Art. IX. Augsburg Confession."

Thursday, 7.45 P. M. Sermon by Rev. O. H. Gruver.
"Personal Responsibility."

Friday, 7.45 P. M. Sermon by Rev. H. J. Weaver.
"Times of Refreshing."

One half hour devotional service before each business session, with Bible Study on First Epistle of John, conducted by Rev. J. E. Hoick.

LIST OF COMMITTEES FOR 1906.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
Rev. H. J. WEAVER, Rev. P. W. H. FREDERICK.

APPORTIONMENT.
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APPLICATIONS OF CONGREGATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.
Rev. H. J. WEAVER, Rev. J. E. HOICK, Rev. H. GEHRCKE.

ENDING OF FISCAL YEAR.
Rev. J. E. HOICK, Rev. A. E. DEITZ, Mr. A. J. BOHN.

REPORTERS.
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Clerical.	Principals	*Lay.*
Rev. H. GEHRCKE,		Mr. A. J. BOHN,
Rev. H. J. WEAVER,		Mr. P. S. LEISENRING, M. D.
	Alternates.	
Rev. W. E. CROUSER,		Mr. A. P. CRIM,
Rev. O. H. GRUVER,		Mr. FRED. CHAPMAN.

ABRIDGED REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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Lutheran Synod of California

HELD IN

THE GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH,
REV. C. F. OEHLER, Pastor,
SACRAMENTO, CAL., MAY 30 to JUNE 1, 1906.

Note.—Exact particulars and full reports of special matters can be had by addressing the Secretary.

DEVOTIONAL.

The President preached the opening sermon from Phil. i. 7: "The Nature of the Gospel," after which Synod partook of the Lord's Supper.

Other evening addresses were as follows: Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., "Our Possibilities at Home"; Rev. H. J. Weaver, "Our Possibilities Abroad"; Rev. G. H. Hillerman, "The Need of Our State"; Rev. O. H. Gruver, "Our Young People."

Half-hour devotional services at the opening of the business sessions were in charge of Revs. Oehler, Gruver, Hoick, and Deitz.

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Address.	Lay.
1870	Silas W. Young, *a. e.*	Berrien Springs, Mich.	No charge.
1870	John Gutleben *	Fruitvale	William Mohring, *e.*†
1874	George R. Bird, D. D., *a. e.*	Los Angeles	No delegate.
1877	Wilson L. Remsberg	Santa Barbara	Edward Ferl, *a. e.*
1877	Jacob S. Moser, *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	No charge.
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Sacramento	Frank Meckfessel.
1880	Henry S. Feix	Fresno	Konrad Kuhn, *a. e.*
1881	J. C. Pedersen ‡	Salinas	A. K. Nissen, *a. e.*
1885	L. C. Koutzahn, *a*	Arroyo Grande	No charge.
1887	Adolf Jatho	Oakland	Konrad Bill, *a. e.*
1888	Charles F. Oehler	Sacramento	Fred Meckfessel.
1889	William Brandes, *a*	Alameda	No charge.
1891	Archibald E. Deitz	Riverside	C. W. Castleman, *a. e.*
1892	Herman Gehrcke	San Francisco	John Bruns, *a. e.*
1892	Oscar H. Gruver	Oakland	J. A. Bohn.
1893	Edwin H. Hadlock, Ph. D., *e.*	San Francisco	J. W. Fricke, *a. e.*
1894	John Edward Hoick	San Diego	No delegate.
1894	Herbert J. Weaver	Los Angeles	H. A. Getz, *a. e.*
1896	George H. Hillerman	Redlands	A. P. Crim, *a. e.*
1898	William E. Crouser	San José	Willard W. Rex, *a. e.*
1898	Arthur C. Delbo, *a.*	Banning	No charge.
1900	P. W. H. Frederick, *a. e.*	Pasadena	A. J. Hartsock, D. D.

Rev. J. T. Wills, D. D., of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, Cal., advisory member.

a. e. Absent and excused. *e.* Excused before close of Synod.
a. Absent and unexcused.
* Received from German Nebraska Synod. † Commissioner.
‡ Received from Danish Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

President's Report.

Brethren and Fellow-laborers in the Master's Vineyard: We assemble to-day in the wake of the most disastrous calamity that has ever visited any portion of this nation. The terrific earthquake of the morning of April 18th, that visited the central portion of this State, destroying lives and property and leaving San Francisco at the mercy of the flames, has cast a pall of sadness over this entire land. A few weeks ago we were looking forward to our sixteenth annual convention, in St. Matthew's Church in San Francisco, but to-day that Church is in ashes, and the metropolis of the Pacific coast is wrecked and charred, while other cities have suffered severely from the shock. Through

the kindness of Brother Oehler and his good people, we convene here to-day to review the work of the year and to formulate plans for the extension of the work in this State. Notwithstanding the recent calamity, I am persuaded that the prayers and aspirations of the godly men in our pulpits, and of the consecrated members in our churches, prefigure a brighter day in the history of Lutheranism, and a deeper and richer glory for the Church of Jesus Christ on this coast.

It is my sad lot to record the death of two of our members during the year. Just as the new year was dawning, Rev. Samuel Sprecher, D. D., LL. D., passed peacefully away, at his home in San Diego, aged ninety-five. Although not engaged in active work, his rich experience and ripe scholarship were felt in the affairs of the Church. His name lives, embalmed in the memory of men, not alone for his superior gifts and his exceptional scholarship, but on account of the distinctively religious features of his life.

Rev. John Schmierer died at his home in Monrovia, on April 3d, after an illness of five months, due to paralysis. Rev. Herbert J. Weaver officiated at the funeral.

A few days prior to the death of Dr. Sprecher, Brother William Bosbyshell, a prominent member of the First Church of Los Angeles, answered the final roll call. This brother was one of the organizers of this Synod and a frequent delegate to its conventions. He was chosen twice to represent this body at the convention of General Synod.

An Obituary Committee has been appointed, to whom this matter has been referred, and a suitable token of our esteem for these fallen brethren will be presented at the proper time.

Your attention is now invited to a record of my official acts.

I. ADMISSIONS.

At the last convention of Synod Rev. William H. Naffziger presented a letter of dismissal from the East Ohio Synod. As this was done after the President's Report had been submitted, and no record was made of it, I deem it wise to mention it here.

Rev. John Gutleben presented a letter of dismissal from the German Synod of Nebraska, under date of December 4th. His name was placed on the roll.

II. DISMISSALS.

Rev. Edward Nelander, Ph. D., at his own request, was given a letter of dismissal to the California Conference of the Augustana Synod, on June 30th.

On November 28th, Rev. William H. Naffziger notified me that he had returned within the bounds of the East Ohio Synod, and requested a letter of dismissal to that body, which was promptly sent.

Several months after his resignation of the Wartburg charge in Fresno, Rev. Lutz Horn requested a certificate of membership in this Synod, that he might unite with the Lutheran ministry of Germany. The certificate was granted.

III. RESIGNATIONS.

A few days after the last convention, Rev. Lutz Horn notified me that he had resigned the pastorate of the Wartburg congregation of Fresno, to take effect June 1st.

The latter part of June, Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., wrote me that, after much serious meditation and prayer, he had accepted a call outside of our Synod, and that after June 30th the mission of which he was pastor would be vacant.

Rev. William Brandes resigned the pastorate of Christ's German Church in Alameda, some time in February, but no official notice came to your President until a few days before Easter, when the resignation was to take effect. This pastorate is still vacant.

IV. CALL ACCEPTED.

Rev. H. S. Feix was invited by the Home Mission Committee to spend a few days with the Wartburg congregation in Fresno, with the intention of accepting a call should everything be favorable. The first of October he notified me that a call had been extended to him and that he had accepted it and would begin work soon.

V. CORNER-STONE LAYING.

On April 29th, the Wartburg congregation in Fresno laid the corner-stone of their new church, with appropriate exercises. After a long delay, that almost cost the mission its life, due entirely to a misunderstanding, the Board of Church Extension granted a loan of $1,250.00, and the Executive Committee of the Woman's Society supplemented this with a donation of $250.00, making in all $1,500.00. Plans have been adopted for a church that will cost, when completed, about $4,000.00. The building is now under construction, and soon our congregation in this city will have a comfortable and attractive church home.

VI. DEDICATION.

St. Mark's congregation in Los Angeles made a decided gain in the erection of a modest but attractive chapel on their commodious lot in one of the residential portions of that rapidly-growing city. On the last day of the old year this chapel was formally set apart for purposes sacred and divine. Your President preached in the morning, and also in the afternoon, when the dedicatory service was held. Revs. Herbert J. Weaver and P. W. H. Frederick were present and assisted. This congregation has been granted a donation of $200.00 and a loan of $600.00 by the Executive Committee, and a loan of $400.00 by the Board of Church Extension. St. Mark's now has a property worth $4,000.00, and the prospects for growth are quite favorable.

VII. INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. Edwin H. Hadlock, Ph. D., was publicly installed pastor of the First Church in San Francisco, on the evening of June 6th. The charge was given

to the people by Rev. Oscar Gruver, of Oakland, and to the pastor by your President. Other Lutheran pastors were present and assisted in the service.

In connection with the dedication of the new chapel in Los Angeles, Rev. George R. Bird, D. D., was installed pastor of St. Mark's, on December 31st.

VIII. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The removal of Dr. Nelander from our Synod left a vacancy in the committee to whom this matter had been entrusted. At the urgent request of the other members of the committee, your President consented to serve until this convention. The report of this committee will be presented at the proper time.

IX. THE "CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN."

A new publication has made its appearance under the above name, edited by the members of the Southern Conference. This newsy little paper is devoted to the interests of our churches in the south, and is a credit to the men and congregations there. It is hoped that it will enlarge its mission until it becomes the organ of Lutheranism on this coast.

X. CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

A letter of greeting, signed by your President and Secretary, was sent to the California Conference of the Augustana Synod, asking that fraternal delegates be exchanged. After some delay, an answer came from the retiring President, stating that the conference had decided that the request could not be entertained.

In this age, when a closer fellowship in Christian activity is being agitated and cemented among different denominations, it is to be deplored that such a spirit is not possible among brethren of the same household of faith.

XI. VISITS OF SECRETARIES.

The Church in our State greatly enjoyed the visit of Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, during the latter part of November and the former part of December. It was a great pleasure for us to welcome our beloved Secretary to our various fields of labor and to listen to his sound advice. Dr. Hartman returned to the East with a thorough understanding of the needs and the possibilities for growth in this State, and his visit is already bearing fruit.

With equal pleasure did we greet Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, on his visit to our pastorates, and today regret that we cannot have his helpful presence on the floor of Synod, as was contemplated when he came to the coast.

XII. CONGREGATIONS SEEKING ADMISSION.

Two congregations seek admission to membership in our Synod. Through some oversight, the Wartburg congregation was not received at the last con-

vention. Its application for membership, together with a copy of its constitution, is in the hands of the proper committee.

A new congregation has been organized at Salinas, known as Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church. They have called Rev. J. C. Pedersen, until recently pastor of the Danish church in that city, and he has accepted the call. The credentials of this congregation are also in the hands of the same committee.

XIII. REV. J. C. PEDERSEN.

A communication was received from Rev. J. C. Pedersen, of Salinas, stating that he had severed his connection with the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and applying for membership in this Synod. A certificate from the officers of the Danish body accompanied the communication, showing this brother to be in good standing.

These papers were submitted to the Committee on Examination for the Ministry (Constitution, Article VI., Section 2), and they will report at an early hour.

XIV. CHURCHES DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKE.

The following churches suffered more or less from the terrific earthquake of April 18th:

Grace Church, of San José. Plaster off inside, chimney down to ground, cement off on gable, and other minor injuries sustained. A conservative estimate places the damages at $600.00.

St. Andrew's, San Francisco. Total loss by fire. This church two years ago cost $6,500.00. Congregation scattered.

St. Matthew's, San Francisco. This church was totally destroyed by fire, but as it was merely rented by the congregation, the loss is confined to furniture.

The pastor, Rev. Hermann Gehrcke, lost his home and all his goods, and 85 per cent. of his congregation lost all that they possessed.

The First Church in San Francisco was not seriously damaged by the quake and fortunately escaped the ravages of the fire. Fifteen hundred dollars will cover the extent of damage.

The church in Oakland suffered but little.

XV. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Inasmuch as the Board of Church Extension and the Home Mission Board have both appealed to the churches of the General Synod in behalf of the California churches which suffered during the recent calamity, and inasmuch as a special appeal has gone out from the Executive Committee of the Woman's Society, I recommend that these appeals be endorsed by this body, and that we tender to our sympathetic friends our deep gratitude for their prompt and generous help in our time of distress.

2. As the business of Synod has grown greatly since the present constitution was adopted, and as the closing sessions are crowded with important busi-

ness, I recommend that action be taken looking forward to the appointment or election of a Statistical Secretary, to whom all matters of a mathematical character might be submitted several days prior to our convention, and who would be ready to report at our first session.

3. There is no doubt in my mind but that the most gigantic evil of our age is the legalized liquor traffic. That which honors infamy, defames charity, perverts the press, intimidates the pulpit, debases legislation, and attempts to blacken religion should be strenuously opposed by every Christian organization. The religious consciousness of the masses is being awakened, and the time has come for us to lead in all possible means toward the final annihilation of this industry of hell. I recommend that a permanent committee of three —two clerical and one lay—be appointed to work in conjunction with similar committees from other denominations and temperance organizations for the enactment of healthful legislation along reform lines, and for the definite and total and eternal suppression of the American saloon, the licensed bar, and the sale of intoxicants under any name.

4. After one year of service as President of Synod and Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, I am forced to the conclusion that no man can serve his own pastorate with any degree of satisfaction and yet give to missionary work the attention the demands of this hour require. The time has come when, if we are to occupy the place in the development of this State that really belongs to us, we must have some one in the field who is free from pastoral care and who is able to give his entire time to missionary work. I therefore recommend that this matter be referred to a committee, who shall report some definite plan of action for our deliberation.

XVI. THE OUTLOOK.

The most casual observer cannot but be impressed by the immense and ever-widening opportunities before us as a denomination in this State of limitless resources. To meet the demands we need: First, a wave of enthusiasm in the East that will lay at our feet fourfold more money. In some way the people of the East must be made to feel the tremendous pressure under which we labor and the overwhelming need of the Gospel in this land. Secondly, we need a company of godly men who are not afraid of hardship. Brethren, the most serious hindrance to our work is lack of suitable men. The men we really must have to insure a permanent growth cannot be had. There seems to be in our ministry a lack of that abiding faith that will trust God to care for His own. We seem to have lost the beautiful idea that faithful service will be rewarded even in this life. The majority of men must be assured of large salaries before they are willing to begin the work. Either our social life is too extravagant in its demands or we have lost faith in Him who said to His disciples, "Lo, I am with you alway." As I see the situation to-day, we want men who are pre-eminently men of faith and trust; men who can remove mountains by constant prayer; men whose faith in the

old Gospel cannot be shaken; men who can adapt themselves to peculiar conditions without surrendering principle; men who combine the qualities of the preacher with those of the faithful pastor; undaunted, unsubduable, consecrated men of God. Not invalids seeking health; not rolling stones that gather no moss; not adventurers bent on speculation; not bigots blind to all goodness outside of themselves; not formalists drawing nigh to God with their mouths while their hearts are far from Him; but men of muscle and brain and prayer, who can find sunshine amid shadows, comfort in suffering, and joy in fidelity to duty regardless of apparent results.

Brethren, the harvest is white but the laborers are few. As the Master has emphasized prayer as a means in the multiplication of laborers, let us pray earnestly, faithfully, continually, that He will send suitable men into the harvest fields, that golden sheaves may be gathered ere the sun goes down.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER.

All recommendations adopted.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees.

All adopted.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your Examining Committee have looked over the credentials of Rev. J. C. Pedersen and find them satisfactory. We recommend that his name be placed on our ministerial roll.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
H. GEHRCKE.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention, with Answers.

Having examined the minutes of last convention of the Synod of California, held at San José, Cal., we beg leave to report the following items requiring the attention of this convention:

1. On page 22 there is a resolution instructing our delegates to the General Synod to "use their best endeavors to bring about a better understanding" between the Board of Church Extension and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Have our delegates met with any success in this matter? "Yes."

2. On the same page a resolution is recorded, urging each pastor that he use his best endeavor to organize within his congregation a "men's league." How many pastors have reported success? "Some have."

3. On the same page a resolution will be found intended to make it the duty of each pastor of our Synod to see that our own Lutheran literature be used in our Sunday schools. Are there any Sunday schools in our California Synod

which do not use our literature? "Pastors instructed to bring matter before their church councils."

4. On page 27 a typographical error will be found which might create the impression that the Ministerium met at Redlands. It should read "San José." "Mistake of the Secretary."

5. Have copies of the resolutions passed by the Ministerium on May 13th (page 28) been sent to all Presidents named in said resolutions? "Yes."

6. Your committee would respectfully recommend that *all* resolutions, with exception of those offered by chairmen of committees and incorporated in the reports of their respective committees, be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted, H. S. FEIX.

Report of Church Extension Committee.

Your committee to whom was referred this important branch of Synodical work, submits the following report:

Three churches in our Synod have been aided during the year.

1. The Wartburg congregation in Fresno, Rev. H. S. Feix, pastor, has been granted a loan of $1,250.00 by the Board of Church Extension, and the Executive Committee of the Woman's Society has supplemented this amount with a donation of $250.00. Rev. Feix expects to raise at least $1,000.00 on the field. This congregation has a corner lot and is now erecting a church.

2. St. Mark's, Los Angeles, Rev. George R. Bird, D. D., pastor. This mission, after a desperate struggle, has been granted a donation of $200.00 and a loan of $600.00 by the Woman's Society, and a loan of $400.00 by the Board. A modest chapel now stands on the lot purchased by this congregation, and the work is progressing nicely.

3. Trinity, Pasadena, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, pastor. The Church Extension Board has donated $250.00 to this congregation, to be used in the erection of a church. The pastor has already $1,600.00 in subscriptions, which, with the $1,000.00 promised by the Woman's Society, will enable them to build a beautiful little church. They will probably erect their church this year.

The calamity in San Francisco and neighboring cities has made it imperative for the Church Extension Board and the Executive Committee of Woman's Society to come to our relief. This they are anxious and willing to do.

Our hearty thanks are due both these organizations for their generous help during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CROUSER,
C. F. OEHLER,
J. A. BOHN.

Report of Delegates to the Forty-second Convention of the General Synod.

[*Note.*—Over three-fourths of this report is recorded in full in the protocol, but omitted here, as it deals with Organization of General Synod, Reports of Boards, Resolutions, Woman's Work, and a few items elsewhere mentioned in this printed report of Synod. It concludes as follows :]

Your delegates were authorized to appear before the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Board of Church Extension to protest against what we understood was an agreement between these agencies of the Church in regard to extending aid in the erection of new churches.

This was done when Dr. Leisenring and the chairman of the delegation met the Executive Committee, at their regular June meeting, in Springfield, Ohio, and for the entire afternoon discussed our California work. We found the heartiest interest and sympathy manifest toward all our churches, and can assure the members of this Synod that the women stand ready to advance our work in any way in their power. The members of the delegation met with the Church Extension Board at the meeting of General Synod, and, as a result of these two conferences, can report that a grave misunderstanding has existed in the minds of the brethren regarding that agreement. In years past some churches received large aid from the Executive Committee, and, appealing to the Church Extension Board, received another large donation or loan, thus securing double aid, while there were other just as needy congregations waiting for assistance. This was possible because there was no consultation between the two loaning bodies before moneys were granted. The result was that the Board decided it could not assist the women's work when so pressed by needy calls, East and West, from churches that were not on the mission list of the women. So that, when the women could not aid, or could not give sufficient aid, a church was likely to suffer, though the Board of Church Extension did not live up to this understanding. In order that every church might be justly and fairly treated, not receiving double aid, and yet receiving what would be necessary, the following agreement was entered into, and this agreement is the cause of all our unrest :

[*Note.*—Here follows full text of the agreement, as taken from the minutes of the Fourteenth Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, page 58.]

We have gone into this agreement thus extensively that there might be a clearer understanding of the real conditions, and somewhat more fully than we would have done had it been possible for Dr. H. L. Yarger to be present at this convention, as he had expected, and who intended to explain this matter in behalf of the Board of Church Extension.

The fact is, that this agreement makes possible, surer, fuller, and quicker aid than would have been possible under the old arrangement, before this agreement went into effect.

VI. RECOMMENDATION.

In closing this report we would offer the following recommendation:

That a committee be appointed to arrange a plan for changing the date of the closing of our Synodical Treasury books, so that it will be possible to have all funds intended for the General Boards transmitted to them before their books close.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
W. S. HOSKINSON,
G. G. BURNETT,
P. S. LEISENRING.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1906.

Report of Necrological Committee.

DR. SAMUEL SPRECHER.

Rev. Samuel Sprecher, D. D., LL.D., was born at Clear Spring, Washington county, near Hagerstown, Md., December 28th, 1810, and was educated at the college and seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. In 1837 he was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Synod of Pennsylvania. He accepted a call to Harrisburg, Pa., where he remained for three years. Frey Academy next claimed his services as principal, until he resigned to re-enter the active ministry at Martinsburg, Va. In 1843 he removed to Chambersburg, Pa., to which place he had been called.

In 1849, Dr. Sprecher was selected as President of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. For twenty-five years, 1849-1874, he directed the affairs of this institution, when, upon his repeated requests, his resignation was accepted. For ten years after retiring from the Presidency, he served as a professor in the Theological Seminary, from which, on account of increasing age, he also retired, but was continued as *Professor Emeritus* of Systematic Theology.

Being in frail health and unable to withstand the rigorous winters of the East, he removed to San Diego, Cal., where for seventeen years, in the enjoyment of good health, he spent his declining years in comparative comfort, until the 10th day of January, 1906, he entered into the rest of the saints of God.

As a preacher, Dr. Sprecher was a man of marked ability. Though small of physique, and with a voice impaired by disease, nevertheless he possessed extraordinary pulpit power. As a speaker, he was clear, convincing, logical, moving men by the irrepressible power of truth. As President of Witten-

berg College, he not only taught in the class-room with rare ability during the week, but also by indefatigable effort preached in various churches on Sundays. He visited neighboring cities, pleading the cause of Wittenberg College, ever stirring up the people to come to the aid of the institution. So effectually did he labor that the partially erected structure was completed, and sufficient endowment raised to place the institution upon a solid basis.

Not only as pastor, professor, and college President will Dr. Sprecher be remembered, but also as an author and theologian. Besides numerous articles which appeared in the Church periodicals, he wrote "The Groundwork of Lutheran Theology," which has been pronounced thoroughly confessional and Lutheran.

In 1836 Dr. Sprecher was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Schmucker, a sister to Dr. S. Schmucker, the eminent author and theologian. Surviving are the following children: Rev. S. P. Sprecher, Mrs. C. K. Shunk, O. S. Sprecher, L. M. Sprecher, Mrs. Laura C. Lewis, and Mrs. F. P. Davidson.

Private funeral services were conducted in San Diego, Cal., after which the remains were forwarded to Springfield, Ohio, where interment took place in Ferncliff Cemetery.

"*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.*"

J. E. H.

Rev. John Schmierer.

Rev. John Schmierer, after an illness of five months, entered into rest on Tuesday morning, April 3d, 1906. He had attained the age of 62 years and 15 days. He was born in Germany in 1844, and was educated as a school teacher, which profession he followed until he came to America.

He received his theological training in the Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and, after his ordination in 1881, served congregations in Allen county, Ind., and in Woodland, Mich.

Since 1892 he has resided in Monrovia, Cal., living in retirement with his wife and three daughters, who survive him.

Brother Schmierer was an honest, God-fearing man, and was honored and respected by all who knew him.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, on Thursday, April 5th.

H. J. W.

William Bosbyshell.

Brother William Bosbyshell, of Los Angeles, who has been many times a member of this Synod, and who twice represented us at the meetings of the General Synod, departed this life January 4th, 1906. His body was buried on the seventy-ninth anniversary of his birth.

His sturdy faith in God, his loyalty to the Lutheran Church, and his love

for Christ's kingdom were exemplified not only in his life, but in his last will in which he remembered his local church and several of our general benevolent Boards.

H. J. W.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
H. J. WEAVER.

Report of Seminary Committee.

Your committee has held several meetings during the year, besides numerous communications with the brethren of the Pacific Synod and President of the Board of Education, and we now report a summary of action taken. At a meeting in Oakland, September 13, 1905, the following resolutions were adopted: That the Pacific Theological Seminary be inaugurated:

1. On the basis of equal representation.

2. On equal financial and moral support, no restitution being granted in case of dissolution.

3. That the territorial lines be removed, namely: that the Synods involved may enter upon each other's territory.

These resolutions have been agreed to by the members of the Pacific Synod Committee over their personal signatures. Your committee feels that all preliminary work has now been done, and recommends that definite action be taken at this meeting of Synod looking to the establishing of the seminary, and that the support promised be now called for, that there may be as little delay as possible in getting a start made.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CROUSER,
C. F. OEHLER,
J. A. BOHN,
W. J. HOSKINSON.

Introductory resolution adopted by 16 yeas; no nays, and one member not voting.

Entire report adopted unanimously.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on the Report of the President of Synod would respectfully report that we have heard with pleasure the able and comprehensive presentation of the conditions existing in our Lutheran churches in California.

We recommend that the four recommendations of the President be considered seriatim.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
P. W. H. FREDERICK.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

1. In the Minutes of the Southern California Conference, dated December 12th, 1905, we find, on page 24, the following: "*Resolved*, That we send an overture to the California Synod requesting the Synod, if possible, to appoint a Missionary Superintendent to have general charge and oversight of the missionary work of the Synod."

2. In Minutes of Northern California Conference of September 12th, 1905, we find the following item: "On motion, the President of Conference is instructed to present to the next convention of Synod the matter of the publication of a pamphlet on Lutheranism in California."

Respectfully submitted, A. J. HARTSOCK.

1. Adopted in item 4 of President's report.

2. Referred to the Literature Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

In the department of church work known as Beneficence there are three things that deserve the most careful consideration—the amount to be secured, the method to be employed, and the spirit to be cultivated. Under our present system of working the amount to be secured is approximately determined by the Synodical apportionment. The method to be employed is largely left to be decided by each pastor and church according as their wisdom and experience may indicate. The General Synod, however, has adopted a system of special days for the gathering of Sunday school offerings for the various Boards of the Church, which system has been approved by experience, and is, we believe, in general use among the churches of our Synod. In general, it may be said that such methods should be employed as will tend to cultivate the true spirit of Christian liberality among the people and to train up a generation of willing givers.

The spirit to be cultivated is the indirect, but after all, the most important end of all the benevolent operations of the Church. Giving is at once an expression of Christian life and character and a most important means to the further development of such character. Our aim as pastors should be not only to secure the amount we desire to raise, but to secure it in such a way as shall develop the spiritual life of the Church and train it in the true spirit of Christian beneficence.

Respectfully submitted, H. S. FEIX,
J. C. PEDERSEN.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

The recommendations of this report are found in foot-notes to Synodical Roll.—Sec.

Your committee cannot too strongly urge the pastors of our Synod to do their duties in always attending its annual meeting and not to leave before its close without urgent necessity.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN GEHRCKE,
FRANK MECKFESSEL,
H. S. FEIX.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Your committee respectfully reports as follows:

Of the seventeen churches on the roll, fifteen reports are at hand, and of these many are deficient through not filling the blanks.

1. PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Attendance at services of worship is about the truest indication of interest in religion. It indicates the appetite for God—how much hunger and thirst there is after righteousness. Eleven churches report a total increase of 109 in membership and four churches a total decrease of 22. As far as an average can be made 75 per cent. is the morning attendance and 50 per cent. the evening attendance at services. Prayer meetings are reported in twelve congregations—one church reporting two, and one a Young People's prayer meeting as being very good. The average attendance is from 8 to 25 per cent. at these devotional services.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

All the reports speak hopefully of this work. The total enrollment is 1,650, and the attendance ranges from full attendance, which one school reports, to 50 per cent. in others. About 75 per cent. is the general average, and it may be considered as a healthy sign of the work among the young in this Synod.

3. CHURCH SOCIETIES.

All but one church reports some form of women's work. There are fourteen Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and eleven Ladies' Aid or Auxiliaries, although the latter appear to be more active at present. The way the reports are given prevents a statement of the enrollment of these societies. Two churches report men's leagues—the church entertaining Synod this year reporting a very active one and to this extent their commendation of last Synod as to men's leagues is recognized.

There are twelve Young People's societies—two being Luther Leagues and the others the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor form of work. Two are especially active—one in San José and the other the First Church of Los Angeles. One church reports a boys' and a girls' club.

4. PROPERTIES AND FINANCES.

Of the churches reporting, all but one are in possession of property, either lots or buildings, or both. The property is generally in good condition. One edifice is getting old from service; one has been burned, and another, a rented property, has felt the flames. Five churches have made improvements more or less extensive. Four churches have reduced indebtedness to the amount of $4,525.00. All save five of those reporting have raised the apportionment at this writing; save in one charge all salaries have been paid; these finances being raised by subscription and collection. The earthquake and fire at San Francisco has not been so destructive to the property of churches of this Synod as to properties of other denominations. Two churches are burned and two have been marred by earthquake. The principal loss has been on individual properties and in the scattering of congregations thereby.

5. CHURCH LITERATURE.

There are 335 church papers of different kinds and 170 missionary journals reported as taken by the people of this Synod. The California *Young Lutheran* is circulating in the churches of the Southern Conference, and is serving very well as a parish paper and is welcomed by the people with interest.

6. STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Are quite scarce. The First Church of Los Angeles is the only charge reporting a student this year. Two others, who are still connected with the Oakland Church, have removed from this State. The intensity of material progress in California makes it an unfavorable field for recruiting the ministerial forces.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. R. BIRD,
A. E. DEITZ.

Report of Committee on Applications of Congregations for Membership.

The following congregations having adopted constitutions in accord with the doctrinal position of the General Synod and in accord with the requirements of our California Synod, and having made application for membership in our Synod, they are hereby recommended, viz.: The Evangelical Lutheran Wartburg Church, of Fresno; the Evangelical Lutheran Zion's Church, of Elmhurst, and San Leandro and Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Salinas City.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
J. E. HOICK,
H. GEHRCKE.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Auditing Committee reports that it has examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and finds them to be correct as per report. As the

Treasurer was unable, on account of the San Francisco disaster, to cash the check sent by the First English Lutheran Church of that city for apportionment, and therefore unable to give them credit for their contributions, we recommend that the Secretary of Synod be authorized to incorporate in Treasurer's Report the apportionment of the First Church in case the Treasurer should be able to cash the check in the course of two weeks from date.

Respectfully submitted, ADOLF JATHO,
FRANK MECKFESSEL.

Report of Committee on Close of Fiscal Year.

Your Committee on the Time for Closing the Treasurer's Books would recommend the adoption of the following amendment to the By-laws:

Resolved, That By-law No. 11 be changed to read:

11. "The Synodical year shall close March 20th, and everything given or done after that date shall be credited as work of the new year."

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
A. E. DEITZ,
J. A. BOHN.

Special Resolutions Concerning San Francisco Disaster.

Resolved, That we have heard with profound feelings of sympathy the relation of the sufferings borne by our beloved brother ministers and their people of San Francisco and San José from earthquake and fire.

That it is with gratitude to God we note the substantial expressions of sympathy from Lutheran churches in California and throughout the East. In view of the great need that still continues, we trust that the appeals of our Boards, which we heartily indorse, will find ready response, giving our people of this coast sufficient relief from all distress, restoring to them the churches lost and continuing this help until they are in position to help themselves. We would have all our churches know that the amount as yet received by our pastors for their suffering people is altogether inadequate. Their need is great and immediate and should have help without delay.

We trust that the Boards having money in hand for this object will forward the same to the Distributing Committee speedily.

We would recommend that the local Home Mission and Church Extension Committees co-operate with the committee now acting in collecting and distributing funds, if deemed advisable.

That we extend to all our brethren our sincere sympathy and promise them our help in every way possible.

That a copy of this report be furnished to the Boards and to our Church papers.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. E. HOICK,
O. H. GRUVER.

Report of Committee on Excess and Deficit.

Your Committee on Excess and Deficit submits the accompanying report in detail, also the following general statement :

The total amount apportioned by the General Synod to be raised by the California Synod was $1,724.62. The amount raised is $1,427.51, or a deficit of $297.11.

The following congregations have the honor of having contributed or exceeded the amount apportioned : Fresno, Los Angeles (First), Los Angeles (St. Mark's), Oakland, Redlands, Riverside, San Diego, and Santa Barbara. (St. Matthew's, San Francisco, had entire apportionment raised, but five-twelfths of the entire amount was consumed in the fire, April 19th.—SECRETARY.)

The following congregations have not raised their apportionment : Pasadena, Sacramento (German), Sacramento (English), San Francisco (First), San Francisco (St. Matthew's), San Francisco (St. Andrew's), and San José.

The amount contributed by the congregations of Synod for benevolence this year is about $125.00 less than was contributed last year.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK.

Report of Home Mission Committee.

Ten congregations have been receiving aid from the Home Mission Board during the year, viz.: San Diego, Redlands, Riverside, St. Mark's, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Fresno, San José, St. Andrew's, San Francisco, and Oakland.

Commendable progress has been made in all our missions. In the majority of cases the indebtedness has been reduced, and the congregations have assumed a greater proportion of the pastor's support. Earnest and hopeful individuals are being added to the membership and the spiritual life is being quickened.

Your attention is called to a few specific items :

1. One of our missions, *St. Andrew's, San Francisco*, is entirely destroyed. Nothing is left to remind one of the beautiful church that once graced the spot. The congregation is scattered and many of them are homeless and without anything. The pastor, Rev. Adolf Jatho, who lives in Oakland, suffered no individual loss.

2. *Church of the Redeemer, San Francisco.*—After the resignation of Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., your committee did all in its power to secure the services of a good man for this place. Failing in this, the mission became practically extinct.

3. *Wartburg, Fresno.*—Rev. H. S. Feix has been on this field since the early part of October. Although he found the work in a most discouraging condition, he took hold of it with determination and tact. Out of the broken

fragments he has gathered a substantial congregation. The attendance at public worship is excellent, and the congregation is moving forward with bright prospects.

4. *St. Mark's, Los Angeles.*—Rev. G. R. Bird, D. D., the faithful and untiring pastor of this mission, has been occupying a most difficult position. In many respects this has been one of the hardest fields in this State to develop. With the dedication of the chapel this work made a decided gain, and the prospects are now good.

5. *Elmhurst.*—On Sunday, April 6th, a congregation was organized at Elmhurst, by Rev. John Gutleben, who has been at work there for several months. A vacant church has been rented and a Sunday school organized and regular preaching services held. Rev. Gutleben wishes this body to recommend his work to the Home Mission Board and to indorse his application for aid.

6. *Christ's (German), Alameda.*—This congregation is at present vacant. No effort has been made to secure a pastor. On the appointment of the President of Synod, Rev. A. Jatho visited the field, and found the conditions rather discouraging. This point must not be given up. Alameda must have a good man soon.

7. Some time in April a number of families withdrew from the Danish Lutheran Church in Salinas and formed a new organization, known as Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church. They have called as pastor Rev. J. C. Pedersen, former pastor of the Danish Church, and he has accepted the call. This congregation is also seeking aid from our Board.

8. *San Francisco.*—On the recommendation of Dr. Hartman, the Board was willing to take up two points in San Francisco, and suitable men were being sought for the field. The destruction which the city has suffered has altered our plans.

9. *Long Beach.*—This point has been recommended to the Woman's Executive Committee, and they have decided to occupy it. For several months both they and we have been endeavoring to find a man for the place. The prospects are promising, and the work should be started at once. We are losing good material on account of our delay.

10. *Santa Cruz* was canvassed by Rev. Naffziger, but not enough interest was manifested to warrant any definite action toward organization.

11. *Chico.*—A number of families from Fresno have located here, and everything appears to be favorable for a prosperous mission.

12. After a careful consultation with Rev. J. C. Pedersen, of Salinas, and Rev. John Gutleben, of Elmhurst, in regard to the conditions of their work, we find the prospects encouraging enough to warrant us in recommending these two fields to the support of the Home Mission Board. We, therefore, ask the indorsement of this body in requesting the Board to support the mission at Salinas to the extent of $400.00 the first year, and the one at Elmhurst to the extent of $300.00.

Other points should be occupied at once, but we have no men. The Board is willing and the women are ready to support the work, but suitable men cannot be found.

Your committee would recommend that this body gratefully acknowledge the generous aid extended by the Executive Committee and the Board of Home Missions, and that we pledge them our most loyal support in the important work they are controlling.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CROUSER,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
HERMAN GEHRCKE.

Report of Committee on Resolutions and Temperance.

Resolved, That we extend to Brother Oehler and his people our sincere thanks for the hospitality they have shown to Synod ; to the choir for the sweet music they have given us ; to the Sacramento *Union*, *Bee* and *Star*, for the favors received from them. That we greatly appreciate the strength of Lutheranism in our capital city, and shall gratefully hold in remembrance the kindness of our people in Sacramento, and pray that they may ever enjoy God's gracious favor.

Resolved, That hereafter the Report of Excess and Deficit be confined to the excess or deficit of each church on the entire apportionment and to the excess or deficit of the entire Synod on each object.—(A. E. D.)

Resolved, That the Pacific Theological Seminary Committee consist of four clerical and three lay members, to be elected by ballot.—(G. H. H.)

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to condense the Minutes as much as possible for publication.—(J. E. H.)

Resolved, That 500 copies of Minutes be printed and distributed.—(O. H. G.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the janitor $5.00 for services, and to the Secretary $25.00 for salary.—(W. S. H. and H. J. W.)

Resolved, That the Home Missions Committee investigate the prospects of new German work in Oakland.—(Anon.)

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to insert in Parochial Report benevolence moneys raised by St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, but lost in the fire.—(G. H. H.)

WHEREAS, *The California Lutheran*, a monthly paper, published under the auspices of the Southern Conference, has met with universal favor among the churches in the South.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, commend it to all the churches of the Northern Conference, and request the pastors of the Northern churches to contribute news items and secure subscriptions at 25 cents per year, thus making this paper in reality as well as in name *The California Lutheran*.—(H. J. W.)

Seeing that intemperance is productive of widespread evil, and that the saloon has no redeeming feature and is become the enemy of the Church and the home, we, of the California Synod, once more put ourselves on record as favoring all movements that have for their object the mitigation of the evils of intemperance. That all the churches within the bounds of Synod be urged to observe a Temperance Sunday during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
A. E. DEITZ.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education deeply deplores the fact that a decline of two students for the ministry is to be noted this year. With fields already white unto the harvest and with numerous promising places opening to us, the crying need is for more workmen. Your committee recommends that continued and earnest prayer be raised to the Lord of harvest, that He will raise up and send forth many more laborers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
O. H. GRUVER.

Report of Devotional Committee.

Devotional Committee submits the following appointments for next Sunday:

Rev. H. J. Weaver, First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. George R. Bird, D. D., Fremont Park Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, Cal.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman, English Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Cal.

Revs. J. E. Hoick and H. Gehrcke, German Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Cal.

Rev. J. C. Pedersen, Scandinavian service, English Lutheran Church, at 3 P. M.

Rev. H. S. Feix, St. John's, near Chico, Cal.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. OEHLER,
W. S. HOSKINSON.

Additional Action.

Notice was given of amendments to the Constitution in exact words of changes proposed, whereby the election of a Statistical Secretary will be possible. (See Protocol, pages 477, 478.)

At the Ministerium, the action of last year, relative to dropping Rev. A. C. Delbo from the Synodical Roll, was reconsidered, and the name of the brother re-entered on the Roll.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1906-1907.

	No. of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	S. S. and Y. P. S. Home Missions.	Grand Totals.
Rate	....	.02	.09	.28	.25	.20	.12	.07	.07	.05	.10	.20	.....
Alameda, Vacant	72	$1 44	$6 48	$20 16	$18 00	$14 40	$8 64	$5 04	$5 04	$3 60	$7 20	$15 00	$105 00
Elmhurst, Rev. Gutleben	20	40	1 80	5 60	5 00	4 00	2 40	1 40	1 40	1 00	2 00	3 00	28 00
Fresno, Rev. Feix	29	58	2 61	8 12	7 25	5 80	3 48	2 03	2 03	1 45	2 90	10 80	47 05
Los Angeles, Rev. Bird	30	60	2 70	8 40	7 50	6 00	3 60	2 10	2 10	1 50	3 00	15 00	52 50
Los Angeles, Rev. Weaver	301	6 02	27 09	84 28	75 25	60 20	36 12	21 07	21 07	15 05	30 10	30 40	406 25
Oakland, Rev. Gruver	95	1 90	8 55	26 60	23 75	19 00	11 40	6 65	6 65	4 75	9 50	22 60	141 35
Pasadena, Rev. Frederick	50	1 00	4 50	14 00	12 50	10 00	6 00	3 50	3 50	2 50	5 00	8 80	71 30
Redlands, Rev. Hillerman	46	92	4 14	12 88	11 50	9 20	5 52	3 22	3 22	2 30	4 60	13 00	70 50
Riverside, Rev. Deitz	49	98	4 41	13 72	12 25	9 80	5 88	3 43	3 43	2 45	4 90	16 00	77 25
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	130	2 60	11 70	36 40	32 50	26 00	15 60	9 10	9 10	6 50	13 00	24 00	186 50
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	310	6 20	27 90	86 80	77 50	62 00	37 20	21 70	21 70	15 50	31 00	45 00	432 50
Salinas, Rev. Pedersen	41	82	3 69	11 48	10 25	8 20	4 92	2 87	2 87	2 05	4 10	7 20	58 45
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	87	1 74	7 83	24 36	21 75	17 40	10 44	6 09	6 09	4 35	8 70	20 80	129 55
San Francisco, Rev. Hadlock	182	3 64	16 38	50 96	45 50	36 40	21 84	12 74	12 74	9 10	18 20	28 00	255 50
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	112	2 24	10 08	31 36	28 00	22 40	13 44	7 84	7 84	5 60	11 20	17 00	157 00
San Francisco, Rev. Jatho	65	1 30	5 85	18 20	16 25	13 00	7 80	4 55	4 55	3 25	6 50	23 40	104 65
San José, Rev. Crouser	75	1 50	6 75	21 00	18 75	15 00	9 00	5 25	5 25	3 75	7 50	25 00	118 75
Santa Barbara, Rev. Remsberg	38	76	3 42	10 64	9 50	7 60	4 56	2 66	2 66	1 90	3 80	8 60	56 10
Itemized Totals	1732	$34 64	$155 88	$484 96	$433 00	$346 40	$207 84	$121 24	$121 24	$86 60	$173 30	$333 80	$2498 80

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER, H. S. FEIX.

APPENDIX B.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from May 8, 1905, to May 28, 1906.*

CONGREGATIONS.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	S. S. and Y. P. S. Home Missions.	Grand Total.
To Balance	$2 14	$13 97	.....	$1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$64 74	$164 19	$246 04
Alameda	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fresno	.....	.....	$5 00	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Los Angeles, First	7 56	27 54	85 70	61 25	61 25	$36 75	$21 45	.....	$21 45	$15 35	30 65	38 15	407 10
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	36	1 62	5 04	3 60	3 60	2 16	1 26	.....	1 26	90	1 80	3 80	25 40
Oakland	2 00	9 00	28 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	.....	7 00	5 00	10 00	28 60	148 60
Pasadena	.....	.....	30 78	2 20	9 60	.....	2 00	.....	3 36	2 40	2 80	9 55	62 69
Redlands	90	4 30	15 85	23 50	9 00	8 60	3 10	$2 75	5 00	2 20	4 40	16 05	95 65
Riverside	1 14	5 13	16 00	12 25	12 75	6 86	3 99	5 00	4 00	3 00	5 70	19 20	95 02
Sacramento (English)	2 76	8 00	13 64	7 60	12 60	8 56	5 00	.....	8 68	.....	13 80	12 00	92 64
Sacramento (German)	6 20	27 90	86 80	62 00	62 00	37 20	.....	.....	21 70	.....	31 00	48 40	383 20
San Diego	2 00	9 00	28 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	.....	7 00	5 00	10 00	24 00	144 00
San Francisco, First	3 08	13 86	43 12	30 80	30 80	18 48	10 78	.....	10 78	7 70	15 40	15 60	200 40
San Francisco (German)	.....	9 40	29 25	22 10	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 40	.....	83 65
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	1 08	4 86	18 20	10 80	10 80	6 48	3 78	.....	3 78	2 70	5 40	3 20	71 08
San José	1 44	6 48	20 16	14 40	14 40	.....	5 04	.....	.....	3 60	7 20	26 60	99 32
Santa Barbara	60	2 70	8 40	6 00	6 00	3 60	2 10	.....	2 10	1 50	3 00	16 00	52 00
Mrs. J. Schmierer	1 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	10 00
Amount received	$32 26	$144 76	$435 94	$300 50	$278 80	$165 19	$72 50	$8 75	$96 11	$49 35	$217 29	$425 34	$2226 79
Amount remitted	29 18	128 70	392 82	269 70	248 00	146 71	61 72	8 75	85 33	41 65	141 51	345 60	1899 57
Difference	$3 08	$16 06	$43 12	$30 80	$30 80	$18 48	$10 78	.....	$10 78	$7 70	$75 78	$79 74	$327 22

Paid Janitor at San José	$5 00
Paid Rev. George H. Hillerman, Secretary	25 00
Paid The Lutheran Publication Society for printing Minutes and postage	89 53
Treasurer's expenses for exchange, postage, etc.	9 17
Cash in Synodical Treasury	16 06
Total	$144 76

Received for Synodical Treasury $144 76

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*

	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda			$1 44			$6 48			$20 16			$14 40			$14 40			$8 64
Fresno							$5 00	$5 00					$5 00	$5 00				
Los Angeles, First	$7 56	$1 44		$27 54			85 70	02		$61 25	$0 05		61 25	05		$36 75	$0 03	
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	36			1 62			5 04			3 60			3 60			2 16		
Oakland	2 00			9 00			28 00			20 00			20 00			12 00		
Pasadena			96			4 32	30 78	17 34		2 20		7 40	9 60					5 76
Redlands	90	02		4 30	$0 34		15 85	3 53		23 50	14 70		9 00	20		8 60	3 32	
Riverside	1 14			5 13			16 00	04		12 25	85		12 75	1 35		6 86	02	
Sacramento (German)	6 20			27 90			86 80			62 00			62 00			37 20		
Sacramento (English)	2 76			8 00		4 42	13 64		25 00	7 60		20 00	12 60		15 00	8 56		8 00
San Diego	2 00			9 00			28 00			20 00			20 00			12 00		
San Francisco, First	3 08			13 86			43 12			30 80			30 80			18 48		
San Francisco, St. Matthew's			2 08	9 40	04		29 25	13		22 10	1 30				20 80	12 50	02	
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	1 08			4 86			18 20	3 08		10 80			10 80			6 48		
San José	1 44			6 48			20 16			14 40			14 40					8 64
Santa Barbara	60			2 70			8 40			6 00			6 00			3 60		
Rev. J. Schmierer	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00		2 00	2 00		3 00	3 00		1 00	1 00				
Totals	$30 12		$2 02	$130 79		$13 84	$435 94		$14 02	$299 50		$21 90	$278 80		$42 60	$165 19		$27 65

	Pastors' Fund.			Deaconess Board.			Home for the Aged.			Synodical Home Missions.			S. S. and Y. P. Societies Missions.			Grand Totals.		
	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Alameda			$5 04			$5 04			$3 60			$7 20			$16 20			$102 60
Fresno																$10 00	$10 00	
Los Angeles, First	$21 45	$0 03		$21 45	$0 03		$15 35	$0 05		$30 65	$0 05		$38 15	$0 15		407 10	1 90	
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1 26			1 26			90			1 80			3 80			25 40		
Oakland	7 00			7 00			5 00			10 00			28 60			148 60		
Pasadena	2 00		1 36	3 36			2 40			2 80		2 00	9 55	15		62 69		4 31
Redlands	3 10	02		5 00	1 92		2 20			4 40			16 05	05		92 90	24 10	
Riverside	3 99			4 00	01		3 00	15		5 70			19 20			90 02	2 42	
Sacramento (German)			21 70	21 70					15 50	31 00			48 40			383 20		37 20
Sacramento (English)	5 00		4 66	8 68		98			6 90	13 80			12 00		18 80	92 64		103 76
San Diego	7 00			7 00			5 00			10 00			24 00			144 00		
San Francisco, First	10 78			10 78			7 70			15 40			15 60		20 00	200 40		20 00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's			7 28			7 28			5 20	10 40					19 00	83 65		60 15
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	3 78			3 78			2 70			5 40			3 20		21 80	71 08		18 72
San José	5 04					5 04	3 60			7 20			26 60			99 32		13 68
Santa Barbara	2 10			2 10			1 50			3 00			16 00	5 00		52 00	5 00	
Rev. J. Schmierer										1 00	1 00					9 00	9 00	
Totals	$72 50		$39 99	$96 11		$16 38	$49 35		$31 00	$152 55		$8 15	$261 15		$90 45	$1972 00		$308 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK.

APPENDIX D.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Alameda, Rev. William Brandes, 753 Railroad Avenue*	Christ's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	72	72	72	$2600 00	$1000 00	.....	1
Elmhurst, Rev. John Gutleben, Fruitvale†	Evangelical Lutheran Zion	1	..	..	..	2	....	....	....	2	....	2	...	20	20	22	37	.....	.....	$95 00	2
Fresno, Rev. Henry S. Feix, 342 D Street	Wartburg Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	..	14	....	....	24	18	...	....	...	24	29	29	125	600 00	.....	827 00	3
Los Angeles, Rev. George Robert Bird, 1230 W. 38th Street	St. Mark's Lutheran	1	..	1	..	1	1	3	3	....	2	9	11	....	30	33	40	4500 00	2200 00	534 10	4
Los Angeles, Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, 1241 W. 9th Street	First English Lutheran	1	..	3	1	18	4	8	3	21	1	25	18	73	301	411	500	50000 00	1400 00	4694 25	5
Oakland, Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, 642 18th Street	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	2	12	2	6	12	3	1	10	4	51	95	144	180	22000 00	8000 00	1391 54	6
Pasadena, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, 327 N. Madison Avenue	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	..	1	1	2	3	2	....	1	7	4	50	54	86	4500 00	2200 00	412 29	7
Redlands, Rev. George H. Hillerman, 44 La Verne Street	First Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	..	10	....	6	....	8	2	2	12	5	46	59	111	7000 00	2474 58	1611 71	8
Riverside, Rev. A. E. Deitz, 925 Walnut Street	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	..	5	1	....	10	5	....	....	5	9	49	60	103	5200 00	.....	701 86	9
Sacramento, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., 1415 18th Street	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	..	7	3	5	15	11	4	1	...	102	130	220	330	16000 00	2000 00	1320 25	10
Sacramento, Rev. Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K Street	German Lutheran	1	..	2	..	29	11	....	17	39	1	25	3	289	310	600	950	20000 00	.....	3249 73	11

* No report made for 1906.

† Organized just before Synod.

NOTE.—This report is calculated upon the basis of "Confirmed Members."

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Continued.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y. P. SOCIETIES.			DUES.		BENEVOLENCE.												
				Contributions.			Contributions.																
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	6	75	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	1	2	15	$3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$95 00
3	1	6	54	15 00	$10 00	17	$155 00	$12 00	.....	.....	$5 00	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$22 00	$32 00	$859 00
4	1	8	75	26 10	4 80	.....	.....	.....	$0 36	$1 62	5 04	$3 60	3 60	$2 16	.....	.....	$1 26	.....	$1 26	$0 90	18 00	43 40	577 50
5	1	18	152	172 92	52 65	40	9 12	17 45	7 56	27 54	154 50	68 75	970 25	36 75	.....	$135 23	21 45	.....	21 45	15 35	140 00	1598 83	6293 08
6	1	12	113	116 17	55 65	23	17 50	7 00	2 00	9 00	66 60	20 00	20 00	12 00	.....	31 37	7 00	.....	7 00	5 00	130 00	309 97	1701 51
7	1	6	44	18 42	16 50	20	25 00	5 00	.....	.....	20 00	9 83	9 60	4 40	.....	44 68	2 00	.....	3 36	2 40	.....	104 07	516 36
8	1	10	65	136 70	65 17	14	50 05	12 00	90	4 30	66 35	25 75	9 00	8 60	.....	75 80	3 10	$2 75	5 00	2 20	36 50	240 25	1851 96
9	1	12	80	124 64	24 61	.....	.....	.....	1 14	5 13	40 90	12 25	12 75	6 86	.....	52 95	3 99	5 00	4 00	3 00	.....	147 97	849 83
10	1	15	120	96 29	18 00	20	8 25	3 00	2 76	13 00	64 44	7 60	12 60	8 56	.....	18 50	5 00	.....	8 68	.....	34 50	200 42	1520 67
11	1	20	225	308 41	125 50	38	23 00	32 00	6 20	27 90	165 20	62 00	62 00	37 20	.....	203 60	.....	.....	21 70	.....	88 00	675 80	3925 53

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Continued.*

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.					Losses.			Accessions.								Finances.			Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	
Salinas, Rev. J. C. Pedersen *	Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	....	41	41	77	.....	.....	.....	12
San Diego, J. E. Hoick, 1126 Ash Street	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	14	2	8	10	12	1	8	6	8	87	103	151	$15000 00	$2300 00	$1088 58	13
San Francisco, Rev. Edwin H. Hadlock, Ph. D., 1319 Geary St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	..	30	2	1	....	10	10	31	1	197	182	400	524	55000 00	8700 00	3964 21	14
San Francisco, Rev. Herman Gehrcke, 2160 Geary Street †	St. Matthew's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	10	1	1	....	18	....	10	...	120	112	232	270	8500 00	.....	2480 50	15
San Francisco, Rev. Adolf Jatho, 1322 Adeline Street, Oakland †	St. Andrew's German Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	15	....	....	....	....	....	11	...	70	62	135	175	14000 00	2500 00	2250 00	16
San José, Rev. William E. Crouser, 450 N. 4th Street	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	5	1	3	2	4	1	4	...	64	75	135	159	15000 00	2700 00	1140 00	17
Santa Barbara, Rev. W. L. Remsburg, 818 Orange Avenue	Grace Lutheran	1	..	1	..	7	...	1	8	6	....	....	17	18	38	56	78	6 50	.....	202 05	18
Total for 1906		18		22	3	180	29	44	107	159	23	139	125	1044	1732	2806	3968	$239906 50	$35474 58	$25963 07	19
Total for 1905		16	3	20	5	185	25	48	262	213	18	148	147	31	1636	....	3027	217200 00	37800 00	26001 88	20
Gain		2	..	2	..	....	4	....	....	....	5	....	....	1013	96	2806	941	$22506 50	.....	$38 81	21
Loss		..	3	..	2	5	....	4	55	54	....	9	22	....	....	....	....	.....	$2325 42	.....	22

* Organized just before Synod.

† Church records destroyed by fire April 19th, 1906.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y. P. SOCIETIES.			DUES.		BENEVOLENCE.												
				Contributions.			Contributions																
Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
12	1	5	36	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	1	16	104	$101 01	$19 78	19	$19 12	$5 00	$2 00	$9 00	$62 00	$20 00	$20 00	$12 00	.....	$46 65	$7 00	.....	$7 00	$5 00	$29 35	$220 00	$1308 58
14	1	16	140	294 24	43 23	20	40 50	25 00	3 08	13 86	43 12	30 80	30 80	18 48	.....	37 95	10 78	.....	10 78	7 70	116 00	391 58	4355 79
15	1	11	85	165 75	25 00	40	28 50	7 50	.....	9 40	58 90	22 00	21 00	12 50	.....	45 75	7 40	.....	7 40	5 40	20 00	209 75	2690 25
16	1	12	117	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	1 08	4 86	18 20	10 80	10 80	6 48	.....	24 67	3 78	.....	3 78	2 70	8 60	95 75	2345 75
17	1	15	125	93 36	18 45	20	.....	18 50	1 44	6 48	53 96	14 40	14 40	.....	.....	19 75	5 04	.....	.....	3 60	9 50	128 57	1268 57
18	1	7	43	31 03	18 20	12	2 45	10 00	60	2 70	15 40	6 00	6 00	3 60	.....	2 51	2 10	.....	2 10	1 50	10 00	52 51	254 56
19	18	195	1669	1693 04	497 54	365	378 49	154 45	30 12	134 79	839 71	316 48	1210 80	169 59	.....	739 41	79 90	7 75	103 51	54 75	662 45	4450 87	30418 94
20	16	189	1613	2214 96	464 83	329	350 05	111 65	32 14	142 63	824 12	329 91	319 05	187 44	.....	636 38	100 76	26 00	97 03	52 40	593 54	3341 40	29343 28
21	2	6	56	.....	$32 71	36	$28 44	$42 80	.....	.....	$15 59	.....	$891 75	.....	.....	$103 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	.....	.....	.....	$521 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 02	$7 83	.....	$13 43	.....	$17 85	.....	.....	$20 86	$18 25	$6 48	$2 35	$68 91	$1109 47	$1075 66

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

FIRST SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., MAY 31, 1906, 9.30 A. M.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod assembled in its Fifteenth Annual Convention, in the German Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Cal., Rev. C. F. Oehler, pastor *loci*, with the President, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, in the chair.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Hoick.

The following officers and delegates presented credentials and were enrolled :

San Diego—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. F. P. Davidson (*a. e.*).

San Francisco (English)—Mrs. E. Johansen, Mrs. S. E. B. Myers (*a. e.*), Mrs. J. Everding (*a. e.*).

San Jose—Mrs. W. E. Crouser.

Oakland—Mrs. George Saxton.

Redlands—Mrs. A. Stein (*a. e.*).

Los Angeles—Mrs. H. J. Weaver (*a. e.*).

Riverside—Mrs. G. Borchgrevink.

Sacramento (German)—Miss Kate Stuber, Mrs. C. Knabel, Mrs. G. Grunenwald.

Christian Endeavor Society—Mrs. I. Schad (*a. e.*).

Sacramento (English)—Mrs. F. D. Jackson, Mrs. N. I. Throckmorton, Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson.

a. e. Absent and excused.

Mrs. C. F. Oehler, in graceful words of Christian courtesy, gave the greetings of welcome in behalf of the German Church, and Mrs. W. E. Crouser responded for the visiting delegates.

President's Report.

Dear Sisters and Missionary Workers: After a lapse of three years we have come again to the Capital City of our State to hold our annual convention. For several months we have planned and prepared for this meeting to take place in San Francisco, but owing to the great change which has occurred there, a kind invitation to meet in this church was extended by the people of this congregation.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DISASTER.

The overwhelming calamity which has befallen our beautiful city by the Golden Gate has brought sorrow and sadness into many hearts and lives. Without warning, like a flash, humanity stood in frailty and weakness before two great destructive enemies, earthquake and fire. Unbounded sympathy has been extended to all who have suffered in any way, whilst the courage manifested by the people of the stricken city has truly been marvelous. May our kind heavenly Father give strength to all who are bearing burdens in this time of trouble.

> "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
> My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply."

We have lost churches, and our missionary societies will also suffer. But plans for rebuilding are forthcoming, and already our Boards, as well as the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, have sent out appeals for these churches and pastors. While all California has ably assisted in the relief work for the unfortunate victims of the disaster, yet we cannot let this appeal pass by. We want to help in every possible way, and this opportunity comes now to the missionary societies.

Purified by fire, may the metropolis of our coast rise from its present state of desolation to become in the near future a more beautiful and substantial San Francisco.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

With this convention we celebrate an anniversary of importance, and it is a milestone we cannot pass without worthy comment. The completion of fifteen years of effective service is truly a cause for thanksgiving. Let us take a backward glance. Several may be present to-day who helped to launch our Synodical ship, which has sailed so successfully on the sea of time, until we are brought to this significant point. All honor to those who shared in this blessed privilege. It is but natural to feel that she who was last at the cross and first at the tomb, and she who broke the alabaster box of costly ointment, should in loving devotion do many things for her Lord and Master. We are justly proud of the women of our Church in California, that they have had a share in extending the work in our own State and land, and in sending the Gospel to others. In many instances missionary societies have been organized by the women of our mission congregations before they even had a church building. True, there have been and still remain many difficulties, nevertheless we have made steady progress from year to year, both in membership and in contributions, and at the last General Convention our women had the distinction of having the most societies in proportion to the number of churches in the Synod, exceeding in this respect all other Synodical societies in the General Synod. Separated from active centers, in the midst of a mission field, this speaks volumes for the faithfulness of our women here on the coast.

HISTORIAN RESIGNED.

At our convention last spring, Mrs. S. C. Garrett, of Los Angeles, was elected Historian. Upon receiving the notification she declined the honor, with thanks to the members of the convention. Mrs. G. G. Burnett was then appointed and kindly consented to take the office.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE.

At a meeting held this past year the Bay Cities' Conference disbanded, and the plan was adopted to have a missionary session in connection with the Northern Conference. A most interesting and successful meeting, attended by a number of delegates, was held in Oakland. We are confident that if all the societies in this part of the State would enter enthusiastically into this project, they can receive a great deal of benefit, especially as it comes just previous to the *Thank-offering* meetings and can be a great incentive for the fall work.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

The meeting of the Southern Conference of our Synod was held in Los Angeles in December. The women convened at the same time, delegates attending from the various societies. Interesting papers were read, and an address on "Our Woman's Work" was made by Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., who was visiting our churches at that time and was present at the conference. At this meeting considerable interest was aroused in the Thank-offering and various other funds.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Four women in the southern part of the State became Life Members this past year, and there were already two in the northern part. Together they make a very good beginning for life membership, but we want the list to increase, and hope many of our women may be induced to add their names this year.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

This a department of which Mrs. R. H. Hay, of Allegheny, Pa., is General Secretary. Its object is to organize the young people in Mission Bands and societies, that they may become acquainted with missionary activities and in time be competent to carry forward the work now so successfully performed by their elders. We should come face to face with this important fact and see if there is anything we can do to interest our young people and children. We have but two Mission Bands in the State, and I would heartily recommend the appointment of a Young People's Secretary, who would have for her special work the organizing of missionary societies for the young, pointing out to them paths of Christian usefulness.

OUR FUNDS.

We have made a gain of several dollars over our last year's report. This is encouraging to all. One-half of the money sent to the General Treasurer by our Synodical Society is contributed to the General Fund. We are pleased to note the loyal support we have always given this important department of the work.

Many societies have done exceptionally well this past year with the Thank-offering, especially those in the southern part of the State. The use of the boxes has proved a blessing to many women; the grace of scriptural giving is being developed and a spirit of thankfulness fostered toward Him who is "the giver of every good and perfect gift."

We trust the Mission Bands will contribute this coming year to all the various objects presented to the woman's societies. We want our young people to be taught not only the duty, but the joy of systematic giving.

The next special object, and one that should interest us all, will be for our California churches, burned and damaged by the earthquake. This great

catastrophe has touched our hearts. We are on the field and realize the great need ; let all our women prayerfully and cheerfully respond. May God accept all our offerings, whether of money or of effort or of self, and help us all whenever we give, to be quite sure that we have given ourselves unto Him, "these bodies a living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service."

CONCLUSION.

While a shadow may rest upon us just now, we should all endeavor, nevertheless, to look out upon the future with hope and courage. We will need to work very hard this coming year to maintain our accustomed record, but let us go forward with an earnest purpose and with faith in Him who has promised, "I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight."

There is a beautiful illustration in the Bible ; it is in the story of Ruth, as told in the second chapter of that book. Ruth said to her mother-in-law, "Let me now go to the field and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace." And her mother said, "Go, my daughter," and she went to the field and asked permission of Boaz to glean, and he said unto her, "Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them." And so food was provided for her, and a chance for the gleaning, and later on this lord of the harvest said, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not, and let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not." So she gleaned in the field until even, and brought in that night a wonderful gleaning as the result of that single day's effort.

Dear friends, it is the story of woman's work for missions. It was the men of the Church who first took up this great work. Thirty years ago the women began to say with Ruth, "Let me now go to the field," and they went, and they heard the Lord of the harvest say, "Let thine eyes be upon the field, and go out after the reapers."

The time was when women were content to cast an occasional coin in the contribution box and utter a brief prayer for the heathen ; that was the extent of her missionary activities. But in these latter days she has interested herself to such a degree that she is not only willing to *give*, but to *work* and to *go*, that her sisters in darkness and superstition may learn of Jesus Christ. May God grant that our hearts may glow with still warmer devotion for His cause, and may we all drink more and more deeply of the missionary spirit of the great Master Himself.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK.

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Stuber, read her annual report.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. (See page 40.)

Report of W. H. and F. M. Society of California for 1905-1906.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30, 1905.		Quarter Ending September 30, 1905.				Quarter Ending December 31, 1905.				Quarter Ending March 31, 1906.						Totals.
	General Fund.	Silver Jubilee.	General Fund.	Bed in India.	Pasadena Mission.	Santa Barbara.	General Fund.	Thank-Offering.	Life Membership.	Kalamazoo Mission.	General Fund.	Immanuel Mission.	Arundelpet, India.	St. Matthew's Ch. Building.†	Ger. Dept., Atchison, Kan.†	Synodical Fund.	
Balance									*$10 00							$77 31	$87 31
Alameda	$4 05																4 05
Los Angeles	7 70		$10 00		$2 50	$2 50	$6 00	$23 00		$2 00	$8 00	$2 50				5 00	69 20
Los Angeles, A. F. C. Mission Band	3 50		1 40				3 30				2 00						10 20
Oakland	2 05	$6 90	3 30				1 50	6 20			3 10					3 25	26 30
Pasadena	2 40		2 80				2 80	3 83		67	1 90	67	$0 67			1 50	17 24
Redlands	2 25		4 35	$3 65			2 20	19 40	30 00	3 40	2 35	2 00	2 00			4 20	75 80
Riverside	5 10		4 40	5 60	60		6 65	21 25								5 50	49 10
Sacramento (English)	2 60		2 20	3 60			2 00			3 00	2 90	3 00	2 00			1 80	23 10
Sacramento (German)	18 00		18 00	12 00			18 00	18 00		10 00	18 00	7 50	5 00	$10 00	$10 00	12 00	136 50
Sacramento, C. E. Auxiliary											5 00						5 00
Sacramento, Mission Band														5 00			
Santa Barbara	48		45		50											40	1 83
San Diego			5 00	4 00				12 77	10 00	4 00	2 00					4 00	41 77
San Francisco (English)	3 90		5 30				2 10	2 65			11 00					3 00	27 95
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	7 50	2 50	7 50	5 50			7 50			1 25	7 50	2 50				5 00	46 75
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	4 45		6 85				4 05	3 52			5 80						24 67
San José	1 75		1 00				1 00	11 50			1 00					3 50	19 75
Amount received	$65 73	$9 40	$72 55	$34 35	$3 60	$2 50	$57 10	$122 12	$50 00	$24 32	$70 55	$18 17	$9 67			$126 46	$666 52
Amount remitted	65 73	9 40	72 55	34 35	3 60	2 50	57 10	122 12	50 00	24 32	70 55	18 17	9 67				540 06
Amount in Treasury																$126 46	$126 46

Expenses.

President's Expenses	$21 20
Mrs. Hellerman's Expenses	50 00
Miss Stuber	2 50
Thank-Offering Secretary	2 00
Programmes	3 25
Total	$78 95

Amount in Treasury	$126 46
Offerings at Convention	8 30
	$134 76
Less Expenses	78 95
Amount in Treasury	$55 81

Mrs. G. G. Burnett, Historian, sent word that her report had been consumed in the fire at San Francisco.

In lieu of this report, the President presented the following list of officers since organization :

Table of Officers.

PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, Oakland 1892-1894
Mrs. C. W. Maggart, San Diego 1894-1895
Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento 1895-1896
Mrs. J. Everding, San Francisco 1896-1898
Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento 1898-1899
Mrs. R. H. Young, San Diego 1899-1900
Mrs. Wm. Kelly, Oakland 1900-1903
Mrs. J. E. Hoick, San Diego 1903-1906

SECRETARIES.

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Miss Minnie Gilcher, San Diego 1894-1895
Miss Rose Hickethier, Los Angeles 1895-1896
Miss Minnie Love, San Francisco 1896-1901
Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento 1901-1906

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Mrs. A. Lothammer, Sacramento 1895-1896
Miss Kate Stuber, Sacramento 1896-

TREASURERS.

Mrs. Philip Graif, Oakland 1892-1894
Miss L. A. Tressler, San José 1894-1897
Mrs. John Walling, Oakland 1897-1901
Mrs. J. E. Hoick, San Diego 1901-1903
Miss Rose Hickethier, Point Richmond 1903-1904
Mrs. W. S. Fry, Riverside, and Miss Leisenring, San Diego 1904-1905
Mrs. E. Johansen, San Francisco 1905-

HISTORIANS.

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, 1894-1905
Mrs. G. G. Burnett, 1905-

The reports of the Thank-offering Secretary and Literature Committee were read by the Secretary.

On motion, Mrs. C. F. Oehler and Mrs. O. H. Gruver were made advisory members of the convention.

A motion to contribute the convention offerings to the California churches damaged by fire and earthquake was carried.

The offering was $1.80.

Sentence prayers were offered and the convention adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2.30 P. M.

Devotional service, led by Mrs. Saxton, of Oakland.

Roll call.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The President appointed the following Convention Committees:

Auditing—Miss Stuber, Mrs. Grunenwald.

President's Address—Mrs. Oehler, Mrs. Knabel.

Corresponding Secretary's and Literature Committee's Report—Mrs. Saxton, Mrs. Johansen.

Letters, Greetings, Papers—Mrs. Hoskinson, Mrs. Throckmorton.

Resolutions—Mrs. Crouser, Mrs. Jackson.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Gruver, Mrs. Borchgrevink.

Reporters.

Lutheran World, Observer, Evangelist, Missionary Journal—Mrs. Hoskinson.

Zionsbote—Miss Stuber.

Reports from Auxiliary delegates were received, showing faithfulness everywhere.

The report of Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, delegate to the Silver Jubilee Convention, at Springfield, Ohio, was read by Mrs. Crouser.

A Symposium followed on "The Threefold Missionary Cord:"

(*a*) "Praying," by Mrs. O. H. Gruver, Oakland.

(*b*) "Reading," by Mrs. W. E. Crouser, San José.

(*c*) "Giving," by Mrs. F. D. Jackson, Sacramento; Mrs. E. Johansen, San Francisco.

The offering was $3.78.

Adjourned with Mizpah.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2 P. M.

Opened with song, Psalm xxiii., and Lord's Prayer.

Roll call.

Reading of minutes.

A paper on "Our Motives for Missionary Activity," written by Miss Amanda Maxwell, of Los Angeles, was read by Miss Stuber.

Mrs. G. Grunenwald, of Sacramento, read a paper on "Our Young People—How to Interest Them."

A motion to appoint a Young People's Department Secretary was made and carried.

The following bills were presented and paid:

President's expenses	$20 00
Convention programmes	3 00
Treasurer's expenses	4 75
Thank-offering Secretary	1 50
Corresponding Secretary's expenses	4 00
Chairman of Literature Committee	1 82
Total	$35 07

Mrs. J. E. Hoick was unanimously chosen as delegate to the General Convention, to be held at Philadelphia, with Mrs. C. F. Oehler as alternate.

An invitation, from Mrs. Hillerman, to meet in Redlands, in 1907, was accepted.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

Your committee begs to submit the following report:

We commend our President for the splendid style and spirit of her yearly address, breathing hope and encouragement and sounding again the battle-cry of "Forward."

We recommend that the address be carefully read by all the members of our missionary societies throughout the California Synod.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. F. OEHLER,
MRS. KNABEL.

Report of Auditing Committee.

After examining the Treasurer's report, we have found a few changes necessary, and will have it corrected before printing.

Respectfully submitted, MISS KATE STUBER,
MRS. G. GRUNENWALD.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's and Literature Committee's Reports.

The Literature Committee has sent out 150 tracts.

There is a deficit of $1.82. We urge the Auxiliaries to pay the 25 cents which they are assessed for the expenses of this committee.

The Corresponding Secretary's report is correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. GEO. SAXTON,
MRS. E. JOHANSEN.

Report of Committee on Letters, Greetings, and Papers.

Mrs. R. H. Hay, Young People's Department Secretary of the General Society, sent greetings, and urged the appointment of a Synodical Secretary for the Young People of California Synod.

A letter from our former Historian, Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, contained a vivid account of her escape from death by fire in the awful disaster at San Francisco.

A loving message was received from our ever-valued friend, Mrs. J. Everding, of San Francisco.

Mrs. G. G. Burnett, Historian, expressed regret over the loss of her manuscript by fire and her unavoidable absence from the convention.

Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Thank-offering Secretary, reported $122.00 as the thank-offering of the past year, an increase of $44.00 over the previous year.

The report of Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, delegate to Silver Jubilee Convention, was most excellent, and should be read at the meetings of the Northern and Southern Conferences.

The Symposium upon "The Threefold Missionary Cord," by Mrs. O. H. Gruver, Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. F. D. Jackson, and Mrs. E. Johansen, was one of the best we have ever heard. Each paper seemed better than the others, and should be read as a whole to be appreciated.

A paper on "Our Motives for Missionary Activity," written by Miss A. Maxwell, of Los Angeles, gave *love* as the chief and best motive.

Mrs. G. Grunenwald, of Sacramento, read a paper on "Our Young People —How to Interest Them." The first thought was on the home-training of

the child. Next, the Sunday school, Church, and Missionary Society must correct the neglect or lack of home-training.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
MRS. N. I. THROCKMORTON.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we return thanks to our heavenly Father for His continued mercies unto us and for privilege we enjoy in meeting together once more as a Synodical body.

2. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the progress during the past year, and trust all the societies in the future will endeavor to maintain their accustomed activity.

3. *Resolved*, That we express our sympathy to the societies that are suffering from the San Francisco calamity, and trust they soon will be able to take up their missionary work again.

4. *Resolved*, If possible, to secure a Young People's Secretary, and one to be appointed at this convention.

5. *Resolved*, That we express our great appreciation of the royal manner in which we have been entertained, and we extend our thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Oehler and the members and friends of the German Lutheran Church for their kind hospitality.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. E. CROUSER,
MRS. F. D. JACKSON.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was adopted. (See page 34.)

The President urged the importance of increasing the Life Membership list.

Adjourned, with prayer by delegates.

EVENING SERVICE.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

The Liturgical Service was led by Pastor Oehler.

Music by girls' vested choir.

Missionary address, by Rev. Geo. R. Bird, D. D., of Los Angeles.

Offering, $27.12.

MRS. W. S. HOSKINSON,
Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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			President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding.
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Mr. John Everding.
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5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding.
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding.
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16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1907-1908.

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Rev. C. F. OEHLER.

STATE OF CHURCH.

Rev. J. E. HOICK, Rev. A. E. DEITZ,
Rev. W. L. REMSBERG.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Rev. CHARLES F. OEHLER, Rev. WILLIAM J. ROEHMER,
Mr. FRANK MECKFESSEL.

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PACIFIC COAST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. WILLIAM E. CROUSER, Chairman, Rev. CHARLES F. OEHLER,
Rev. W. S. HOSKINSON, Sc. D., D. D., Secretary, Mr. J. A. BOHN,
Rev. J. A. M. ZIEGLER, Ph. D., D. D., Mr. J. W. FRICKE,
Mr. FRED MECKFESSEL.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. WILLIAM E. CROUSER, Rev. SILAS W. YOUNG,
Mr. ROBERT H. YOUNG.

DELEGATES TO FORTY-THIRD GENERAL SYNOD.

Principals.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. HERMAN GEHRCKE,	Mr. J. A. BOHN,
Rev. HERBERT J. WEAVER,	P. S. LEISENRING, M. D.,
Rev. WILLIAM E. CROUSER,	Mr. A. P. CRIM.

Alternates.

Rev. OSCAR H. GRUVER,	Mr. FRED CHAPMAN,
Rev. WILSON L. REMSBERG,	Mr. DE WITT WISE,
Rev. ARCHIBALD E. DEITZ,	Mr. J. F. REIMER.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Santa Barbara, Cal.
Time—April 28th to May 5th, 1908.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SYNOD.

(Alternates in parentheses.)

Tuesday, 7.45 P. M. Sermon by the President (Secretary).
HOLY COMMUNION.

Wednesday, 7.45 P. M. Foreign Mission Service.
In charge of WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Thursday, 3 P. M. Paper—"Art. X. Augsburg Confession."
REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, SC. D., D. D. (REV. W. J. ROEHMER).

Thursday, 7.45 P. M. Home Missions.
In California.
REV. H. J. WEAVER (REV. E. H. HADLOCK, PH. D.).

In United States.
REV. W. E. CROUSER (REV. H. GEHRCKE).

Friday, 7.45 P. M. Educational.
The Deaconess Board.
REV. J. A. M. ZIEGLER, PH. D., D. D. (REV. C. F. OEHLER).

The Board of Education.
REV. J. E. HOICK (REV. S. W. YOUNG.)

Sunday Services.
Morning—REV. H. J. WEAVER (REV. J. A. M. ZIEGLER, PH. D., D. D.).
Evening—REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D. (REV. O. H. GRUVER).

Half hour devotional service preceding business sessions, Expositions on 2 Timothy.
REV. A. E. DEITZ (REV. GEORGE R. BIRD).

LIST OF COMMITTEES FOR 1907.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
REVS. O. H. GRUVER, H. GEHRCKE, and E. H. HADLOCK, PH. D.

APPORTIONMENT.
REVS. A. JATHO AND H. S. FEIX, and MR. DE WITT WISE.

LETTERS AND PAPERS.
REVS. W. L. REMSBERG, A. E. DEITZ, and O. H. GRUVER.

ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES.
REVS. W. S. HOSKINSON, SC. D., D. D., S. W. YOUNG, and J. E. HOICK.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.
REVS. J. A. M. ZIEGLER, PH. D., D. D., G. R. BIRD, and A. E. DEITZ.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCES.
REVS. P. W. H. FREDERICK and W. R. SWICKARD, and MR. FRANK MECKFESSEL.

AUDITING.
MESSRS. J. A. BOHN, O. J. VALENTINE, and J. F. REIMER.

RESOLUTIONS.
REVS. H. J. WEAVER, E. H. HADLOCK, PH. D., and J. E. HOICK.

EXCESS AND DEFICIT.
REVS. W. J. ROEHMER and A. J. HARTSOCK, and MR. C. F. BOARTS.

SYNODICAL PAPER.
REVS. J. A. M. ZIEGLER, PH. D., D. D., H. S. FEIX and W. L. REMSBERG, and MR. J. A. BOHN.

REPORTERS.
Observer—REV. W. L. REMSBERG.
Evangelist—REV. GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.
World—REV. A. E. DEITZ.
California Lutheran—REV. GEORGE R. BIRD.
Lutheran—REV. O. H. GRUVER.
City Press—REV. J. E. HOICK.
Zionsbote—REV. C. F. OEHLER.

ABRIDGED REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Lutheran Synod of California

HELD IN

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH,

REV. GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, Pastor,

REDLANDS, CAL., APRIL 9-12, 1907.

Note.—This printed report contains a complete account of all work done, and every report appearing herein was adopted by Synod.—G. H. H.

DEVOTIONAL.

The President preached the opening sermon from John iv. 35: "The Need for a Spiritual Awakening." Synodical communion followed.

Other evening sermons as follows: Thursday, by Rev. A. E. Deitz, from 2 Cor. vii. 1, "Personal Cleansing;" Friday, by Rev. O. H. Gruver, Gen. iv. 9, "Personal Responsibility."

Each day's business session was opened with half-hour expositions on 1 John by Rev. J. E. Hoick, followed by a season of prayer.

A paper on "Article IX, Augsburg Confession," was read by Rev. W. L. Remsberg, on Thursday, at 3 P. M., and referred to the *Lutheran Quarterly* for publication.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1907.

Synodical Roll.

Entered Ministry.	Clerical.	Address.	Lay.
1863	A. J. Hartsock, D. D., *e.* *.	Pasadena	No charge.
1870	Silas W. Young, *a. e.*	Salinas	Fred C. Carlsen, *a. e.*
1870	John Gutleben, *a. e.*	Fruitvale	No delegate.
1874	George R. Bird, *e.*	Pasadena	A. T. Lien, *a. e.*
1877	Wilson L. Remsberg	Santa Barbara	Gustaf Falmer, *a. e.*
1877	John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D. D.*	Long Beach	Rev. W. R. Swickard, *e.*
1877	Jacob S. Moser, *a. e.*	Washington, D. C.	No charge.
1879	W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D.	Sacramento	Frank Meckfessel.
1880	Henry S. Feix	Alameda	No delegate.
1881	J. C. Pedersen, *a. e.*	Muhlenberg, Africa	Missionary.
1885	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	Arroyo Grande	No charge.
1887	Adolph Jatho	Oakland	Konrad Bill, *a. e.*
1888	Charles F. Oehler	Sacramento	James Popert, *a. e.*
1889	William Brandes, *a. e.*	Alameda	No charge.
1891	Archibald E. Deitz	Riverside	J. F. Reimer, *e.*
1892	Herman Gehrcke	San Francisco	John Bruns, *a. e.*
1892	Oscar H. Gruver	Oakland	J. A. Bohn.
1893	Edwin H. Hadlock, Ph. D.	San Francisco	J. W. Fricke, *a. e.*
1894	John Edward Hoick	San Diego	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
1894	Herbert J. Weaver	Los Angeles	DeWitt Wise, *e.*
1896	George H. Hillerman	Redlands	O. J. Valentine.
1896	William J. Roehmer †	Fresno	August Fries, *a. e.*
1896	James J. Chambers, *a. e.**	Alpaugh	No charge.
1898	William E. Crouser	San José	Lewis C. Smith, *a. e.*
1898	Arthur C. Delbo, *a.*	Banning	No charge.
1898	Lutz Horn, *a.*	Switzerland	No charge.
1900	P. W. H. Frederick	Pasadena	No charge.
....	St. Mark's, vacant	Los Angeles	C. F. Boarts, *e.*

Fraternal Delegate from Pacific Synod (*G. C.*).—Rev. Emil Meyer.

Advisory Members.—Revs. Emil Meyer, J. C. Brodfuehrer, D. D., Cephas Baird, and M. L. Butler, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

a. Absent and unexcused.
a. e. Absent and excused.
e. Excused before close of Synod.
* Received from Kansas Synod.
† Received from Pacific Synod (G. C.).

President's Report.

Brethren of the California Synod: Another Synodical year, with its unlimited opportunities for service, has closed, and we meet to-day in our seventeenth annual convention to review the work that has been accomplished, to

gather inspiration and instruction from its record, and to plan wisely for more aggressive work during the year before us. A merciful Father has kindly protected our great State from calamity, and preserved the lives and health of our laborers. Each one in his appointed place has been pushing forward the interests of the kingdom, and the borders of Zion have been materially extended.

Your careful attention is invited to the record of the year's work, which I now submit.

ADMISSIONS.

As noted in my report for last year, the Rev. Lutz Horn, at his own request, was given a certificate of membership, that he might unite with the Lutheran ministry of Germany. This brother has requested us to reinstate his name upon our roll, which was done a few months after the last convention.

Rev. William J. Roehmer presented a letter of dismissal from the Pacific Synod of the General Council, and his name was placed upon the Synodical Roll November 1st.

Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D. D., about December 1st, sent me his letter of dismissal from the Kansas Synod, and requested his name to be enrolled, which was accordingly done.

Rev. James J. Chambers and Rev. A. J. Hartsock, D. D., presented their letters of dismissal from the Kansas Synod, under date of April 1st, and their names were entered on our roll.

RESIGNATIONS.

In October, Rev. Henry S. Feix resigned the pastorate of the Wartburg Church, in Fresno, after a brief but successful service.

Early in December, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick notified me that he had resigned the pastorate of Trinity Church, Pasadena, to take effect the first of the year.

Rev. George R. Bird, after serving the people of St. Mark's, Los Angeles, for over two years, resigned in January.

Rev. J. C. Pedersen, in order to accept a call to our mission field in Africa, resigned as pastor of Our Saviour's Church, in Salinas, in February.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

On the recommendation of the Home Mission Committee, Rev. H. S. Feix was authorized to visit Christ Church, of Alameda, and secure a pastor, if possible. This visit resulted in the congregation extending a call to Rev. H. S. Feix, which was accepted in November.

Rev. William J. Roehmer, of Nehalem, Ore., was called to the pastorate of the Wartburg Church, Fresno, in November, and he entered upon the work immediately upon the retirement of Rev. H. S. Feix.

For some time the Home Mission Committee had been trying to secure a suitable man for Long Beach. Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., accepted the call to this important field in December.

Upon the retirement of Rev. Frederick from Pasadena, Rev. George R. Bird, was given a call by the people of Trinity, which was accepted.

Rev. J. C. Pedersen, the organizer and first pastor of the Church of Our Saviour, in Salinas, accepted a call extended by the Board of Foreign Missions to labor in Africa. His membership is still retained in this Synod.

Rev. S. W. Young, having occupied the pulpit on several occasions in Salinas, was duly elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Rev. J. C. Pedersen.

DEDICATIONS.

On July 10th, it was my privilege to assist in the setting apart, for holy purposes, of the new church edifice in Fresno. This building is gothic in structure, churchly in arrangement, and an ornament to Lutheranism in the Raisin city. The sermon was preached by Rev. Herman Gehrcke, of San Francisco. We now have a property in Fresno worth $4,500.00.

On January 6th the First Church, of Los Angeles, dedicated a $12,000.00 addition to their edifice. This new building is sixty feet square, and is located in the rear of the church, so that when occasion demands it can be used to increase the seating capacity of the church. Rev. Herbert J. Weaver and his faithful people are to be congratulated on celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the organization of their church by the dedication of this handsome Sunday school building.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. H. S. Feix was installed pastor of the Wartburg congregation, of Fresno, July 10th.

On August 2d, Rev. J. C. Pedersen was duly installed pastor or Our Saviour's Church in Salinas.

On December 20th, Rev. H. S. Feix was installed pastor of Christ Church in Alameda. Your President was assisted by Rev. John Gutleben, of Elmhurst, and Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, of Oakland.

On January 20th, the Rev. W. J. Roehmer was duly installed pastor of the Wartburg congregation in Fresno.

CONGREGATIONS SEEKING ADMISSION.

Applications for membership in this Synod have been received from the newly-organized congregations at Long Beach and at Sanger. These papers are in the hands of the proper committee, who will report at the appropriate time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is my duty to call your attention to the fact that the amendment to the By-laws which was adopted at our last convention, is illegal, inasmuch as it is in conflict with the fifth article of the Constitution.

On the advice of the members of the Seminary Committee, I visited the Pacific Synod, in their convention at Oregon City, Ore., in June. I found the men of the North to be earnest, consecrated workmen, interested not alone in

the extension of our Zion in the Northwest, but also in the work that we are doing. I was received most cordially, and not only given an opportunity to present the greetings of this Synod, but was requested to preach the word on Friday evening, which I did to the best of my ability.

A fraternal delegate to this convention was elected and is present. This betokens a better understanding between us.

Since the last convention our Synodical roll has grown to such an extent that we are entitled to another clerical and another lay delegate to the convention of the General Synod.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Inasmuch as our membership has grown greatly, I recommend that an extra hundred copies of the printed Minutes be authorized.

2. I recommend that this body express its sincere conviction that the law of social purity is equally binding on men as well as women.

3. That the national emblem may be cleansed from the pollution of governmental complicity in wrong, I recommend that Sunday, June 30th, which has been set apart in the interests of a "Stainless Flag," be observed by our churches as far as possible.

4. I recommend that the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to incorporate in his report the total excess or deficit on the apportionment from each congregation, thus saving a page in the printed Minutes.

5. I also recommend that some arrangement be made to meet the expense incurred by the Theological Seminary Committee in its work.

6. I also recommend that hereafter Synod convene on Tuesday evening, so that our pastors will not have to be away from their pulpits on the Lord's Day.

And now, brethren, I return to you the office to which you elected me two years ago. If the work has not gone forward as it should have done, it must be attributed to human infirmities. I have endeavored to serve the best interests of our dear Church without fear or favor, and if my enthusiasm for the triumph of the cross has led me unwisely, it has been mistaken for the guidance of the Spirit. Again praying that the gracious Spirit may control us in this convention and in the labor of the year before us, I submit to you this report.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee has examined the President's Report, which is a carefully prepared record of the year's work. We find in it several matters that should receive the attention of Synod, viz.:

Miscellaneous.—The By-law adopted at the last convention is illegal. We recommend that the President be sustained in his interpretation of its illegality.

Fraternal delegate from Pacific Synod.—We recommend that the President elected at this convention be fraternal delegate to Pacific Synod this year.

Delegates to the General Synod.—We recommend that two additional delegates to the General Synod, one clerical and one lay, be elected by this convention at the proper time.

On recommendations of the President we submit the following :

1. Refer this to Committee on Resolutions.
2. Refer this to Committee on Resolutions.
3. Refer this to Committee on Temperance.
4. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer add two columns, one of excess and one of deficit, to his annual report to Synod, and indicate on his report Synod's excess or deficit on each item of benevolence.
5. Refer this to the Home Mission Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
H. GEHRCKE,
E. H. HADLOCK.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

The Committee on State of the Church desires to submit the following report :

There came into our hands eighteen reports. It is a rather difficult matter to attempt to form an estimate of the state of the Church from reports alone. However, the pastors are to be commended in the efforts made to have these reports exhibit the facts. From these we especially note the following :

1. MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The membership of our churches has increased, over all losses, to the number of 87. When we remember that the disaster of last year in the north nearly destroyed the work of several congregations we see that there has been growth. The smaller congregations show the greater proportionate increase. The average attendance at morning service is about seventy per cent., a little less than the previous year. For the evening about forty-five per cent. At the various prayer and devotional meetings the average attendance is about thirty per cent.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The total enrollment reported is 1,557, with an average attendance of nearly seventy-five per cent. This is a very hopeful part of the work of the churches. We have no means of knowing the kind or the effectiveness of the instruction imparted in these.

3. SOCIETIES.

The reports regarding societies show great variations in material and condition of the churches. There are thirty-four societies. The majority of the churches have Ladies' Auxiliaries. Many have branches of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. We regret that the reports do not

enable us to give exact figures in this respect. Among the Young People's Societies there appears to be commendable activity. Four of these are Luther Leagues. Our Synod should be more largely represented in this great national movement in our Church.

PROPERTY.

Two churches in San Francisco, which lost their buildings, have not yet rebuilt, but are making plans to do so. The mission in Santa Barbara has bought a most excellent building and soon hopes to be in full control of it. At Pasadena a pretty and commodious chapel has been built and is already in use. The First Church, of Los Angeles, has built a model Sunday school room and thereby has also enlarged the church.

FINANCES.

Only four churches report a debt of very large amount. The other debts run from $1,000.00 to $3,300.00, resting on the smaller churches. There should be a burden only where the membership is quite weak.

One church, Sacramento, German, reports $7,200.00 in treasury for a new church.

The salaries of pastors are raised by subscription, except in two instances, and they have been promptly paid, except in two charges, one of which has paid no salary.

The apportionment has been raised in excess in three congregations, it has been met in six others, and in eight not raised entirely.

LITERATURE.

It is impossible to classify the Church papers taken, but all papers, including the *California Lutheran* and the *Missionary Journal* make a total of five hundred. There should be some way to report the Sunday school literature in future.

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

There are eight students reported, being five more than were reported the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. H. FREDERICK,
A. E. DEITZ,
H. S. FEIX.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Synod.

Your committee finds the following requiring the consideration of this Synod:

On page 25 of the printed Minutes the observance of a Temperance Sunday is urged. *Answer.*—See report of Temperance Committee.

Pages 477-8 of the Protocol, notice is given of changes to be made in the Constitution of Synod this year with reference to a Statistical Secretary and its accompanying details. *Answer.*—Brought up later.

Page 479 of the Protocol, a new ruling is made for the Committee on Excess and Deficit. Is this in use this year? *Answer.*—Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. BIRD,
A. JATHO.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

Your committee has examined the Minutes of the conferences and finds in them nothing of special interest to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. H. FREDERICK,
W. R. SWICKARD,
FRANK MECKFESSEL.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your committee in making its initial report would say that inquiry has been made of all the churches, with but a partial response. The replies at hand at this time indicate that the observance of a Temperance Sunday, as advised by last convention of Synod, has taken place in only three churches—Riverside, Redlands, and San José. Temperance work seems to be largely left to the instruction given in the Sunday school lessons once a quarter, with an occasional sermon or address by the pastor.

Modern temperance as a work takes a wide sweep, including in its outlook the religious, the social, and the political aspects of this subject.

The activity of the Church in such a matter is, first of all, religious, and to continue and increase the interest of the Sunday school and the young people in temperance is the plain duty of the Synod.

A wider and more immediate result can be produced if all pastors teach temperance by example and from the pulpit. It is not necessary to take a special day or topic only, but often temperance as a daily duty can be insisted upon, as well as righteousness and judgment to come, in the ministrations of the pulpit.

As a civic corporation the Church should become an example of temperance to the community, keeping itself clear of all stain of the saloon, or the habit of drinking intoxicants in its social life. This Synod should of right expect this of every church in its bounds. While we do not attempt to legislate concerning the social customs of our people, we do advise the individual members of our churches to practice temperance and total abstinence in the use of all intoxicants.

Politically considered, it is not wisdom for the Church, as a Church, to deal with this question. The Church should so teach and mold the conscience of the citizens, or those who influence citizenship, that their vote in civic life would always be to repress as much as possible the drink evil, whether this repression take the form of license, local option, or prohibition.

We recommend the observance of June 30th, "Stainless Flag Day," as the Temperance Sunday of the year, and that the same be accepted and used by the Synod in consonance with the recommendation of the President of Synod in his report.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE R. BIRD,
OSCAR H. GRUVER.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1907.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee would report that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and have found the same correct.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. BOHN,
J. F. REIMER,
O. J. VALENTINE.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers reports as follows:

1. The application of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Long Beach, to be received into this Synod. This congregation was organized February 24th, 1907, with forty charter members, and on the same date adopted a Constitution prepared by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, with such variations as were necessary to their local interests, which we find to be in perfect accord with the requirements of this Synod. We recommend that this congregation be received.

2. An application from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Sanger. By special resolution this congregation makes formal application to be received into this Synod. Your committee has examined the copy of the Constitution placed in its hands and finds it in accordance with the requirements of this Synod. We recommend that it be received.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. REMSBERG,
A. E. DEITZ,
O. H. GRUVER.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your committee would report that growing interest is being manifested in recruiting supplies for the pastoral office. The discussions in the religious press, while undesirable in some phases, has been instrumental in pointing out the problem and furnishing a solution; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the increasing number of young men in our Synod who have the ministry in view.

Resolved, That as pastors, we magnify the ministerial office in public speech and private life, thus commending it to the younger brethren.

Resolved, That we give our endorsement and co-operation to the Student League for the Ministerial Office, a movement recently inaugurated in our State which promises to supply the Church with ministers, as the Volunteer Movement has furnished missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
O. H. GRUVER,
W. L. REMSBERG.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1907.

Report of Home Mission Committee.

Five more churches have been receiving aid this year than last, making the number fifteen. They are as follows: Christ's, Alameda; Wartburg, Fresno; St. Mark's, Los Angeles; First English, Oakland; Trinity, Pasadena; First Evangelical Lutheran, Redlands; Trinity, Riverside; Our Saviour's, Salinas; First Lutheran, San Diego; First English, St. Andrew's, and St. Matthew's, San Francisco; Grace, San José; Grace, Santa Barbara; and Trinity, Long Beach.

The Home Mission work has been pushed with all the vigor that it was possible to command. The missionaries have been faithful, and while the growth has not been large, it has been of a substantial character. The reports from the missions not being uniform, it was impossible for your committee to arrive at any systematic conclusions. We can only mention a few specific items, and refer you to the Parochial Table for a record of the individual churches. After the calamity in San Francisco, application for aid to the Home Mission Board was made by both St. Matthew's and the First English. These churches are now under the care of the Board. Shortly after our last convention our mission at Santa Barbara purchased the property of the First Congregational Church. The original cost of this excellent property was about $15,000.00, and through good management and faithful efforts on the part of pastor and people, we now have an attractive edifice in this beautiful city by the sea, neatly furnished, with an interest-bearing indebtedness of only $2,400.00. In June, this congregation will have full possession of the property, when the church will be renovated and rededicated.

The Wartburg congregation of Fresno dedicated a new church during the year that cost in the neighborhood of $3,000.00. Rev. H. S. Feix and his wife did faithful service in this field during their short stay. The church is now being furnished. Rev. W. J. Roehmer has won the hearts of his people, and the interests of Fresno are well cared for.

After a vacancy of half a year Alameda again has a pastor. This field was very much disorganized, but the people are responding nobly to the efforts of Rev. H. S. Feix, and a new church seems to be a necessity.

Trinity Church, in Pasadena, has been erecting a chapel during the winter, which will be ready for dedication April 14th. Much to the regret of your committee, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick thought it wise to sever his relations with this mission, which he has faithfully served, and Rev. G. R. Bird, has taken his place. Trinity now has a property worth $10,000.00.

On the retirement of Rev. G. R. Bird, from St. Mark's, Los Angeles, a call was extended to Rev. George H. Hillerman, but it was declined. This mission is still vacant, but it is hoped that a good man may soon be found.

The mission at Redlands bears the unique distinction of having raised the apportionment, with an excess of $42.20, and for general benevolence the sum of $503.70.

St. Matthew's congregation, in San Francisco, broke ground for a new building in February, and St. Andrew's has adopted plans for their new church. The spire of the First Church has been repaired, and other damages caused by the earthquake.

Grace Church, San José, has been replastered and tinted, the woodwork inside revarnished, the broken windows reset, a gas furnace installed, and the outside painted.

The church at Salinas has purchased a suitable lot, and plans for a new church are being arranged.

Your committee is glad to be able to state that an organization has been effected at Long Beach after a long delay, and that Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D. D., is the efficient pastor. This seems to be one of the most hopeful missions on our territory.

A German congregation has been organized at Sanger, a growing village south of Fresno, and is served by the pastor from Fresno.

The work at Elmhurst has not been supported by the Board, because the outlook did not seem to justify the expense.

Your committee would offer the following recommendations.

1. That Synod provide uniform blanks for the reports of missionaries to the committee.

2. That Synod inquire into the conditions at Elmhurst, and offer some recommendation to the Board. (Referred to the new Home Mission Committee.)

3. That we urge the Board to commission a man at once to the Richmond district in San Francisco.

4. That the members of this committee be authorized to draw upon the funds contributed for "Synodical Missions" to pay their expenses when their counsel or help is needed in any mission.

5. That all applications for aid to the General Board be submitted to this committee for examination and endorsement, according to Art. 12, Sec. 2, of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CROUSER,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
HERMAN GEHRCKE.

Report of Church Extension Committee.

Your Committee on Church Extension has no report to make, as we were not called upon to give our opinion or recommendation as to any work to be undertaken, and as we were not consulted as to the distribution of the funds given by the Church to the Board of Church Extension for the purpose of aiding the churches that suffered by the great calamity of April 18th, 1906. As a committee, therefore, we cannot report to you the amounts appropriated to the stricken churches.

We recommend that the brethren who had the distribution of these funds in hand, and the pastors of those churches that received help or donations be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CROUSER,
C. F. OEHLER,
J. A. BOHN.

Report of Funds Appropriated.

St. Matthew's, San Francisco, $5,569.15, on the way.
St. Andrew's, San Francisco, $4,500.00, appropriated, not yet received.
First Church, San Francisco, $3,100.00, received and used.
Grace Church, San José, $800.00, received and used.

Report of Synodical Missionary.

(This report has been verbally altered in Item 4 to give the decision of Synod in the fewest possible words. See Protocol.—G. H. H.)

Your Committee on Synodical Missionary has corresponded with similar officers in the East, and, after carefully considering the contrasted conditions here and there, recommends:

1. That such an office be created, and a man called to the position as soon as he can be secured.

2. That the duties of this Synodical Missionary be fourfold, viz.:

(*a*) To canvass new territory in order to ascertain the prospects for the establishment of new Lutheran churches.

(*b*) To organize and conduct new missions until a regular pastor can be secured.

(*c*) To supply vacancies that may occur in the missions in the bounds of Synod until said vacancy is regularly filled.

(*d*) To render to the pastors of missions such aid as may be in his power, so long as it does not conflict or interfere with his duties above stated.

3. That all his traveling and incidental expenses, incurred in the fulfillment of his duties as Synodical Missionary shall be borne from the Synodical Home Mission Fund of the Synod.

4. That his salary shall be $1,200.00 annually.

5. That this Synodical Missionary shall be called to begin active service on October 1st, 1907, subject to the judgment of the Home Mission Committee of Synod; provided this shall not be construed to hinder the employment of such an officer at an earlier date, if circumstances so warrant.

6. That he shall be called by the Home Mission Committee of Synod.

7. That he shall be responsible to this Home Mission Committee during the interim between the conventions of Synod; and he shall report to this committee once a month concerning his official acts and activity; and that he shall submit an annual report to California Synod.

8. That the Home Mission Committee shall solicit private subscriptions to his salary from members of our churches.

9. That a special offering towards his salary shall be received in each of our churches during the year.

10. That all moneys that are received by said Synodical Missionary, while acting in his official capacity, such as fees, collections, etc., be sent to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee toward the support of this special work.

11. That his salary shall be paid monthly upon the receipt by the Treasurer of his receipt for salary, properly endorsed by the chairman of the Home Mission Committee.

12. That the Home Mission Committee be increased, for this year, to six members, three from each conference.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
W. S. HOSKINSON,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

Report of Pacific Theological Seminary Committee.

Your Committee on the Proposed Pacific Theological Seminary begs leave to present the following report to Synod:

Our committee had one meeting since the last convention of Synod. At that meeting all the members of the committee were present except one. Rev. E. Meyer, of Pacific Synod, met with us.

Two propositions claimed our attention. The first was the consideration of the resolutions on the seminary passed by the Pacific Synod, June 21st, 1906. On these resolutions our committee re-affirmed Synod's action of June 1st, 1906.

The second was of the nature of a substitute for all former action. This was passed unanimously by our committee, and is recommended to Synod. It is as follows:

REVS. J. A. LEAS AND W. E. CROUSER,
PRESIDENTS OF THE PACIFIC AND CALIFORNIA SYNODS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Inasmuch as agreement has not been attained by the California and Pacific Synods, and as the offer of $6,000.00 has not been accepted, we therefore withdraw the same, and submit the following propositions:

1. That the proposed theological seminary be established and maintained

at Oakland or Berkeley, Cal., by the co-operation of the Pacific and California Synods.

2. That the seminary be established upon a basis of equal representation, and maintained by equal financial and moral responsibility and support.

3. That no territorial lines shall be recognized.

4. That the proposed seminary shall be managed by a Board of Directors to be chosen by the Pacific and California Synods, and that said Board of Directors shall, as soon as possible, establish and maintain a pro-seminary at some point north of the State line of California, to be selected by the aforesaid Board of Directors, for the purpose of educating and preparing young men for a proper beginning of a course of study, and a continuance of the same at the proposed theological seminary to be established at Berkeley or Oakland, California.

5. That if the Pacific and California Synods will agree to establish and maintain the proposed theological seminary and the pro-seminary upon the proposed conditions, and make a satisfactory beginning, we will agree to pay towards the establishment of the proposed theological seminary at Berkeley or Oakland, and the pro-seminary at some point to be selected north of California, the sum of $10,000.00, instead of $6,000.00 promised heretofore.

J. A. Bohn,
C. A. Smith.

To these five paragraphs was added another, with this preamble:

Resolved, That we, as a committee, accept the following as the doctrinal basis of the proposed theological seminary, and recommend the same to Synod for adoption.

6. That the doctrinal basis of this seminary shall be the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; the Œcumenical Creeds, viz.: Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian; and the Augsburg Confession, *ex animo*, as the pure exposition of the divine word, and the true expression of the Church's teaching. We also recognize the other symbolical writings, viz.: the Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as a true interpretation of the Augsburg Confession. To this basis our seminary professors shall subscribe.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
CHARLES F. OEHLER,
J. W. FRICKE,
W. E. CROUSER,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
J. A. BOHN.

Report of Committee on Basis of Apportionment.

Your committee would report that we have been in communication with the committee of General Synod during the year, and have studied various systems in use, and suggestions offered, but have no change from the present method of levying the apportionment to suggest.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
J. E. HOICK.

Report of Committee on Synodical Paper.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of a Synodical paper, after consultation with the committee of the Southern Conference that has in charge the publishing of the *California Lutheran*, makes the following report:

Desiring to enlist the co-operation of the entire Synod in the enterprise, the Publishing Committee, by the consent of the Southern Conference, hereby tenders to Synod all their right and title to the *California Lutheran*, including subscription list, advertising contracts, etc., on the sole condition that the Synod publish a paper that shall be representative of the entire Synod.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That Synod hereby expresses her appreciation of the services rendered to the cause of Lutheranism in California by the Southern Conference in publishing the *California Lutheran*, and of their generous proposition to transfer the same to the Synod.

2. That we hereby accept the offer of the committee, in accordance with the above conditions, thereby adopting the *California Lutheran* as the official publication of the Synod.

3. That Revs. J. E. Hoick, A. E. Deitz, G. H. Hillerman, H. S. Feix, and O. H. Gruver be hereby constituted a Publishing Committee for the ensuing year, which Publishing Committee shall be hereby empowered to edit and to publish the *California Lutheran*, monthly, according to one of the following plans, as in the judgment of the committee shall be found most feasible:

(1) To continue the present arrangement with the Young Lutheran Company, adding four or more pages for Synodical and editorial matter, so soon as the financial situation will allow, the Synod's portion being printed by the Young Lutheran Company.

(2) To purchase from the Young Lutheran Company the material they now furnish, or as much of it as the committee deems desirable, and to print the Synod's portion on our own territory.

(3) To publish a paper composed entirely of Synodical material, supplemented by such items as the committee may deem desirable, and printed on our territory.

We recommend:

4. That the subscription price be left to the decision of the Publishing Committee.

5. That financial support be solicited from individuals that the paper may be put on a substantial financial basis.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. M. ZIEGLER,
J. A. BOHN,
W. L. REMSBERG,
H. S. FEIX.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence can make but a brief report.

We are systematic in our Synodical beneficence, and this is also true of our churches in meeting the system of apportionment under which we work.

It is left to each pastor to bring pressure in this matter upon the congregation, and if the days set by the Boards are faithfully kept we shall systematically pour in our contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. M. ZIEGLER,
A. E. DEITZ,
GEORGE R. BIRD.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Our recent State Legislature voted down a bill to provide a legal day of rest in every seven,

Resolved, That we deplore this action on the part of our representatives at Sacramento, and express the hope that at the next session of the Legislature there may be some definite action taken to provide a much-needed recognition of God's eternal law on this subject.

Resolved, That we express our sincere convictions that the law of social purity is equally binding on men as on women.

Resolved, That the Secretary order six hundred copies of the Minutes printed.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Synod be extended to Brother Hillerman and the members of this church for their generous hospitality; to the choir for their special music; to the press of Redlands for extended notices; and that this resolution be read at the Friday evening session.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
E. H. HADLOCK,
J. E. HOICK.

Additional Resolutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered Dr. G. G. Burnett for his generous thank-offering to benevolences of Synod.

Resolved, That the business sessions be from 9 A. M. to noon, and from 2.30 to 5 P. M.

Resolved, That the following rates of apportionment be levied for the ensuing year: Synodical Home Missions, 10 cents; Synodical Treasury, 9 cents; Sunday school and Young People's Home Missions, 20 cents on the Sunday school enrollment.

Resolved, That the following orders be drawn on the Treasurer of Synod: From the Synodical Treasury: Secretary's salary, $25.00; Treasurer's traveling expenses, $6.00; janitor, $5.00; President's stationery, $2.75. From Synodical Home Mission Fund: Balance due Deaconess' Board, $71.00.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to purchase a record book, for the recording of minutes, and send the bill to the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Pacific Theological Seminary Committee be constituted the representatives of California Synod on the Board of Directors of the proposed seminary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Home Mission Committee be instructed to enter into correspondence with the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, with a view that said society assume the support of St. Mark's (Los Angeles) pastor, customarily given by Synod; and

Resolved, That this fund be used in support of the Synodical Missionary.

Special Items.

Greetings from Pacific Synod (G. C.) were extended by Rev. Emil Meyer, of San José, on Thursday morning, April 11th.

On Friday, at 3 P. M., George Herbert Hillerman, son of the pastor *loci*, was baptized in the presence of Synod. Rev. Herbert J. Weaver officiated, assisted by Revs. W. E. Crouser and W. L. Remsberg.

For proceedings of Ministerium, see Protocol.

Notice was given of proposed amendments to the Constitution, as follows:

Article IV., Sec. 2, change the word "opening" to "close."

Article V., Sec. 3 (6), change the words "one week before the convention of Synod" to "at midnight on March 20th of each year."

The following amendments were adopted:

Constitution, Article IV., Sec. 1, add words, "a Statistical Secretary" after word "Secretary." Add, "Sec. 4. The duties of the Statistical Secretary shall be to prepare the parochial reports, the excess and deficit table, and the apportionment table, and to have the same ready for presentation at the first business session of Synod."

Article XII., Sec. 1, change "seven" to "six;" strike out "(5) On Parochial Reports;" change "(6)" to "(5)," and "(7)" to "(6)."

By-Laws: 10. Change "Chairman of Parochial Committee, one week before the day of the assembling of Synod," to "Statistical Secretary, on or before April 1"; and change "committee shall meet the day before the opening of Synod" to "Secretary shall."

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from May 28, 1906, to April 4, 1907.*

CONGREGATIONS.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	S. S. and Y. P. S. Home Missions.	Grand Total.	Excess.	Deficit.
To balance	$3 08	$16 16	$43 12	$30 80	$30 80	$18 48	$10 78	.....	$10 78	$7 70	$75 78	$79 74	$327 22	.....	.....
Alameda	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fresno	58	2 61	8 12	7 25	.....	2 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 90	3 54	27 35	.....	$19 70
Los Angeles, First	6 05	27 10	110 10	80 25	60 20	36 12	21 07	$3 00	21 07	15 05	30 10	30 40	440 51	$34 26	.....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	60	2 70	8 40	7 50	6 00	3 60	2 10	.....	2 10	1 50	3 00	15 00	52 50	.....	.....
Oakland	1 90	8 55	26 60	23 75	19 00	11 40	6 65	.....	6 65	4 75	9 50	22 60	141 35	.....	.....
Pasadena	.....	4 87	14 00	12 50	10 00	8 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	54 39	.....	16 19
Redlands	1 00	5 35	16 70	20 00	29 40	10 00	4 15	.....	4 15	2 95	6 00	13 00	112 70	42 20	.....
Riverside	1 00	4 50	15 50	12 50	10 00	6 00	3 50	5 00	3 50	2 50	4 90	16 00	84 90	7 65	.....
Sacramento, English	2 60	6 70	36 40	11 70	8 00	6 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	13 00	2 22	96 62	.....	89 88
Sacramento, German	6 20	27 90	86 80	77 50	62 00	37 20	.....	.....	21 70	.....	31 00	45 00	395 30	.....	37 20
Salinas	82	3 69	11 48	10 25	8 20	5 35	2 87	.....	2 87	2 05	4 10	9 65	61 33	2 88	.....
San Diego	1 74	7 83	24 36	21 75	17 40	10 44	6 37	.....	7 00	4 63	8 70	20 80	131 02	1 47	.....
San Francisco, First	3 64	16 38	100 00	100 00	100 00	25 00	25 00	.....	25 00	25 00	.....	.....	420 02	164 52	.....
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	2 25	4 50	5 00	4 25	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	3 25	24 00	.....	133 10
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	1 30	5 85	9 10	6 00	.....	3 80	2 00	.....	2 00	1 60	.....	.....	31 65	.....	73 00
San José	1 50	6 75	21 00	18 75	15 00	9 00	5 25	.....	5 25	3 75	7 50	25 00	118 75	.....	.....
Santa Barbara	76	3 42	10 65	9 50	7 60	4 56	2 66	.....	2 66	1 90	3 80	8 60	56 11	.....	.....
Rev. L. C. Routzahn	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	25 00	.....	.....
Amount received	$35 02	$159 86	$552 33	$459 25	$383 60	$199 32	$97 40	$8 00	$119 73	$73 38	$208 03	$304 80	$2601 72	$153 98	$369 07
Amount remitted	32 01	122 33	552 33	459 25	383 60	199 32	97 40	8 00	119 73	73 38	38 70	225 00	2312 05	.....	.....
Difference	$3 01	$37 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$169 33	$79 80	$289 67	.....	.....
Apportionment excess	$0 38	$1 68	$27 25	.....	$6 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$36 71	.....	.....
Apportionment deficit	.....	.....	.....	$4 55	.....	$27 00	$34 62	.....	$12 29	$20 92	$41 05	$108 74	249 18	.....	$212 47

Paid Janitor at Sacramento	$5 00
Paid Rev. George H. Hillerman, Secretary	25 00
Paid Lutheran Publication Society for printing Minutes and postage	79 08
Paid Fry & Smith, for printing cards and blanks	5 75
Treasurer's expenses	7 50
Cash in hands of Treasurer	[illegible]

APPENDIX B.—Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1907-1908.

	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	S. S. and V. P. S. Home Missions.	Grand Totals.
Rate	....	.02	.09	.28	.25	.20	.12	.07	.07	.05	.10	.20	.....
Alameda, Rev. Feix	42	$0 84	$3 78	$11 76	$10 50	$8 40	$5 04	$2 94	$2 94	$2 10	$4 20	$13 80	$66 30
Elmhurst, Rev. Gutleben	22	44	1 98	6 16	5 50	4 40	2 64	1 54	1 54	1 10	2 20	3 00	30 50
Fresno, Rev. Roehmer	63	1 26	5 67	17 64	15 75	12 60	7 56	4 41	4 41	3 15	6 30	14 60	93 35
Sanger, Rev. Roehmer	30	60	2 70	8 40	7 50	6 00	3 60	2 10	2 10	1 50	3 00	4 60	42 10
Long Beach, Rev. Ziegler	40	80	3 60	11 20	10 00	8 00	4 80	2 80	2 80	2 00	4 00	.....	50 00
Los Angeles, Rev. Weaver	315	6 30	28 35	88 20	78 75	63 00	37 80	22 05	22 05	15 75	31 50	33 20	426 95
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	43	86	3 87	12 04	10 75	8 60	5 16	3 01	3 01	2 15	4 30	9 00	62 75
Oakland, Rev. Gruver	95	1 90	8 55	26 60	23 75	19 00	11 40	6 65	6 65	4 75	9 50	14 60	133 35
Pasadena, Rev. Bird	60	1 20	5 40	16 80	15 00	12 00	7 20	4 20	4 20	3 00	6 00	7 60	82 60
Redlands, Rev. Hillerman	53	1 06	4 77	14 84	13 25	10 60	6 36	3 71	3 71	2 65	5 30	14 60	80 85
Riverside, Rev. Deitz	53	1 06	4 77	14 84	13 25	10 60	6 36	3 71	3 71	2 65	5 30	12 60	78 85
Sacramento, Rev. Hoskinson	130	2 60	11 70	36 40	32 50	26 00	15 60	9 10	9 10	6 50	13 00	24 00	186 50
Sacramento, Rev. Oehler	310	6 20	27 90	86 80	77 50	62 00	37 20	21 70	21 70	15 50	31 00	47 00	434 50
Salinas, Rev. Young	42	84	3 78	11 76	10 50	8 40	5 04	2 94	2 94	2 10	4 20	8 00	60 50
San Diego, Rev. Hoick	92	1 84	8 28	25 76	23 00	18 40	11 04	6 44	6 44	4 60	9 20	21 60	136 60
San Francisco, Rev. Hadlock	215	4 30	19 35	60 20	53 75	43 00	25 80	15 05	15 05	10 75	21 50	25 00	293 75
San Francisco, Rev. Gehrcke	43	86	3 87	12 04	10 75	8 60	5 16	3 01	3 01	2 15	4 30	3 00	56 75
San Francisco, Rev. Jatho	32	64	2 88	8 96	8 00	6 40	3 84	2 24	2 24	1 60	3 20	3 00	43 00
San José, Rev. Crouser	90	1 80	8 10	25 20	22 50	18 00	10 80	6 30	6 30	4 50	9 00	25 00	137 50
Santa Barbara, Rev. Remsberg	40	80	3 60	11 20	10 00	8 00	4 80	2 80	2 80	2 00	4 00	9 00	59 00
Itemized Totals	1810	$36 20	$162 90	$506 80	$452 50	$362 00	$217 20	$126 70	$126 70	$90 50	$181 00	$293 20	$2555 70

Respectfully submitted, ADOLPH JATHO, H. S. FEIX, DEWITT WISE.

APPENDIX C.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
		Parochial.																			
Alameda, Rev. Henry S. Feix, 1030 Santa Clara Ave.	Christ Lutheran	1	..	1	3	11	5	....	67	8	1	10	....	31	42	65	72	$2500 00	$1000 00	$125 00	1
Elmhurst, Rev. John Gutleben, Fruitvale	Evangelical Lutheran Zion	1	..	..	..	....	1	....	2	....	....	5	....	....	22	25	40	.....	.....	69 00	2
Fresno, Rev. William J. Roehmer, 520 D St.	Wartburg Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	2	8	1	....	....	14	....	....	....	35	63	63	170	3500 00	1250 00	657 35	3
	Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul, Sanger *	1	..	..	..	3	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	30	30	67	.....	.....	.....	4
Long Beach, Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D. D., 1024 Locust Ave.	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran *	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	40	....	.....	.....	.....	5
Los Angeles, vacant	St. Mark's Lutheran	1	1	1	..	....	....	3	3	2	2	....	17	....	43	38	60	4500 00	2200 00	385 82	6
Los Angeles, Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, 1241 W. 9th St.	First English Lutheran	1	.	3	1	19	1	5	8	31	....	15	13	....	315	425	531	84000 00	10450 00	16901 41	7
Oakland, Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, 642 18th St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	2	6	1	3	5	6	1	5	2	1	95	146	185	25000 00	8000 00	1881 20	8
Pasadena, Rev. George R. Bird, 310 W. Ave. 55, Los Angeles	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	..	3	2	2	5	1	....	5	3	11	60	66	87	10000 00	2200 00	2784 49	9
Redlands, Rev. George H. Hillerman, 44 La Verne St.	First Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	2	..	5	2	....	2	2	....	2	5	4	53	66	123	7000 00	2000 00	1109 01	10
Riverside, Rev. A. E. Deitz, 925 Walnut St.	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	..	....	....	2	3	3	....	5	4	....	53	62	94	5200 00	.....	620 70	11
Sacramento, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., 1415 18th St.	First Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	2	..	10	1	7	....	7	....	....	1	7	130	220	337	16000 00	2000 00	1660 90	12

* Organized just before Synod.

NOTE.—Pastors will compute returns on basis of Confirmed, not Communicant, Members.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Continued.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y. P. SOCIETIES.			DUES.		BENEVOLENCE.												
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	8	69	$33 80	.....	11	$24 60	$25 80	.....	$18 30	$56 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$74 30	$199 30
2	1	2	15	4 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 00
3	1	8	73	35 00	$2 35	40	10 00	.....	$0 58	2 61	8 12	$7 25	.....	$2 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$6 44	27 35	684 70
4	1	2	23	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	1	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	1	8	45	37 67	13 04	....	.....	.....	60	2 70	8 40	7 50	$6 00	3 60	.....	.....	$2 10	.....	$2 10	$1 50	18 00	52 50	438 32
7	1	26	166	335 90	37 00	50	40 19	44 80	6 05	27 10	174 20	87 75	60 20	36 12	.....	$166 62	21 07	$3 00	21 07	15 05	237 65	855 88	17757 29
8	1	13	73	123 45	58 16	26	52 75	10 00	1 90	8 55	58 70	23 75	19 00	11 40	.....	29 18	6 65	.....	6 65	4 75	74 00	244 53	2125 73
9	1	8	38	37 00	5 00	24	85 00	15 00	.....	4 87	14 00	12 50	10 00	8 02	.....	27 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	82 24	2866 73
10	1	12	73	92 02	72 75	17	21 20	45 20	1 00	5 35	35 70	20 00	44 40	10 00	.....	220 95	4 15	6 00	4 15	2 95	149 05	503 70	1612 71
11	1	9	63	107 60	33 31	....	.....	.....	1 00	4 50	56 40	12 50	10 00	6 00	.....	63 05	3 50	5 00	3 50	2 50	.....	167 95	788 65
12	1	15	120	82 20	15 00	18	8 00	5 50	2 60	6 70	36 40	11 70	8 00	6 00	.....	39 90	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	40 22	161 52	1822 42

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Continued.*

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		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	
Sacramento, Rev. Charles F. Oehler, 1207 K St.	German Lutheran	1	..	2	..	23	9	....	14	44	....	23	....	....	310	600	950	$20000 00	.....	$3266 17	13
Salinas, Rev. S. W. Young	Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	42	42	77	900 00	$286 00	378 65	14
San Diego, Rev. J. E. Hoick, 1126 Ash St.	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	14	....	3	4	8	....	....	2	10	92	108	159	15000 00	2175 00	1010 50	15
San Francisco, Rev. Edwin H. Hadlock, Ph. D., 1319 Geary St.	First English Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	..	24	....	1	..	8	7	24	3	....	215	426	560	60000 00	8700 00	5613 92	16
San Francisco, Rev. Herman Gehrcke, 587 Dolores St.	St. Matthew's German Evangelical Lutheran.	1	..	..	..	4	2	....	81	6	....	4	....	10	43	95	135	9500 00	.....	315 50	17
San Francisco, Rev. Adolph Jatho, 1322 Adeline St., Oakland	St. Andrew's German Evangelical Lutheran.	1	..	..	..	5	3	....	27	7	....	....	....	....	32	84	117	6500 00	.....	2611 00	18
San José, Rev. William E. Crouser, 450 N. 4th St.	Grace Lutheran	1	..	2	..	4	1	....	....	4	....	4	7	5	90	150	178	20000 00	2600 00	968 25	19
Santa Barbara, Rev. W. L. Remsberg, 820 Orange Ave.	Grace Lutheran	1	..	1	..	4	2	....	6	....	....	....	9	1	40	52	66	7000 00	3312 50	1337 50	20
Totals for 1907		20	2	23	8	143	31	26	226	151	11	112	67	115	1810	2703	4103	$296600 00	$44163 50	$41696 37	21
Totals for 1906		18	..	22	3	180	29	44	107	159	23	139	125	1044	1732	2806	3968	239906 50	35474 58	25963 07	22
Gain		2	2	1	5	....	3	....	119	....	....	....	....	....	78	....	135	$56693 50	$8688 92	$15733 30	23
Loss		..	..	..	..	37	....	18	....	8	12	27	58	929	....	103	....	....	.. ..	.....	24

NOTE.—Pastors will compute returns on basis of Confirmed, not Communicant, Members.

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Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y. P. SOCIETIES.			DUES.		BENEVOLENCE.												
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
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REPORT OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

REDLANDS, CAL., APRIL 10, 1907.

The devotional services of the session were conducted by Mrs. Hoick and Miss Sorenson.

Roll of Delegates.

San Diego—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. W. E. Thomas.

San Jose—Mrs. E. L. Patterson (*a. e.*), Mrs. Walter Gregg (*a. e.*).

Redlands—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Mrs. Mina Hill, Mrs. O. J. Valentine.

Los Angeles—Miss Albright, Miss Sorenson.

Los Angeles A. F. C. Mission Band—Miss Emma Guckas.

Riverside—Mrs. J. F. Reimer, Mrs. A. E. Deitz.

Sacramento—Mrs. F. Meckfessel, Mrs. I. Catron.

a. e., absent and excused.

Miss Sorenson was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

Mrs. Reimer was elected Treasurer *pro tem.*

Greetings of welcome were given by Mrs. O. J. Valentine, and responded to by Mrs. I. Catron, of Sacramento.

President's Address.

Dear Sisters and Friends of the Missionary Society : It is indeed a pleasure to meet again in our annual convention, to render our accounts, and compare the last year's work with that of former years. Our last meeting was held in Sacramento, one month after the earthquake. An Eastern worker said she wondered that we had the heart to come together. True, our hearts were heavy, but we parted at that convention with an earnest purpose to make the year's record a good one in spite of difficulties, trusting in God's direction and strength. We may not be able to compute all that has been accomplished during the past twelve months, but we shall surely find, dear friends, when the reports are rendered, that there have been loyal, faithful ones, who have stood at the helm and have caused the work to advance.

May a rich blessing from on high be poured out upon us as we tarry here in this beautiful church and city, and may every delegate return to her home with an earnest desire to bring her society to a still higher plane of usefulness, for "wherever in the homes of Christendom there are hearts that are cold and indifferent, lives wasted in folly and trifling, God-given powers diverted to unworthy objects, there is missionary work; wherever there are souls to be saved, ignorance to be enlightened, wherever the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world is obscured by reason of sin and darkness, there is missionary work."

SYNODICAL WORK.

Faithfulness of Members.—The endeavors made by the societies of San Francisco have truly been noble. It has touched my heart to learn regarding the society of St. Matthew's Church. After the church and pastor's home had been destroyed in the disaster, they nevertheless sent their dues to the Synodical Treasurer in June, six weeks later, and have continued to send them every quarter during the year. May the Lord bless these women who have not been forgetful of His work even in times of trial and suffering. The society of the English Church has held its meetings and the officers have done all they could to maintain the accustomed interest.

The women of the Alameda Church became discouraged whilst the pastorate was vacant, but now have re-organized with fourteen members and brighter prospects.

Our Historian, Mrs. G. G. Burnett, has asked to be relieved of the office. I would recommend that the newly-elected officer gather material for our Synodical Society and preserve it. Unfortunately all our books and records were destroyed in San Francisco, but an effort has been made at starting anew. A number of photos have been secured, also a complete file of the printed Minutes of conventions, which have been bound. It is the duty of the Historian to care for all such material and add to it each succeeding year. It will be invaluable in years to come.

Secretary for Young People.—We have been unable to secure anyone as

yet who will act as Secretary for the Young People's Department. The one appointed last year declined the office, and it is still vacant. This phase of missionary work is too important to be neglected, and we need a consecrated person to take hold of it and carry it forward.

Conferences.—The Southern Conference met in San Diego, October 2d and 3d. A missionary program was rendered and several excellent papers read and reports given by the delegates. At this meeting a Constitution was adopted and the conference duly organized. A copy of this Constitution has been sent to every society in the conference.

We were sorry to learn that no meeting was held in the North, but trust by this fall conditions will become settled, so that the customary conference will take place.

Financial Record.—Our contributions have been large this year. The Thank-offering eclipsed all past records. The Redlands Society leads the list with an offering of $45.00, while a marked increase is to be noted in a number of others. The entire contributions for this year aggregate $125.00 more than last year, thus reaching the high-water mark in our offerings for missions. Considering the fact that a number of the societies were crippled by the earthquake calamity last year, this record is very gratifying indeed.

Let us remember that to raise sums for missions we have no need to depend on a few large givers, but to "organize the littles." Our possessions are not our own, they are the Lord's, and there should be a readiness on our part to put them at His service. Giving for missions is always a safe and a lasting investment. We cannot estimate the good resulting from it, the fruits of it shall be reaped beyond the river. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Give for time, give for eternity. It has been well said a personal consecration should be spelled a "purse-and-all" consecration.

Life Members.—We rejoice to record the enthusiastic interest which has been manifested in the increase of life members. Two years ago we had only one in our State, now there are fourteen.

A Suggestion.—The General Society has requested that in remitting funds hereafter, the Auxiliaries send even dollars, reserving the decimals for subsequent reports. By complying with this request the work of Treasurers will be greatly simplified.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the General Society, which will be held in Philadelphia in May, promises to be of unusual interest, not only because of the presence of enthusiastic workers and a number of returned missionaries, but also because of the missionary exhibit. This will consist of charts furnished by the various Synodical Societies, giving a graphic representation of the entire field, with maps and convention program, also pictures of churches and Synodical Presidents. These charts, illustrating our California work, have been prepared with much care and labor, and we are

pleased that they are displayed at this convention before being forwarded to the committee in charge. California has always been the special Home Mission field of the women, and this exhibit of our work will doubtless deepen the interest in their chosen field. This material will be returned to us and become a permanent possession of our society.

A PRESENTATION.

We have the pleasure of presenting to the Synodical Society at this meeting a gavel. We trust harmony will always prevail and that it will never be used in an arbitrary manner. The mallet is made from a piece of wood taken from the First Lutheran Church of San Francisco, where our society was organized, fifteen years ago. On account of its historic association we trust it will be valued and preserved.

Forward.—We have made progress and should feel greatly encouraged. Our work in California is growing, and demands more time, more effort, more laborers. Dear friends, let us use whatever talents God has given in advancing the cause in the future.

CONCLUSION.

It used to be said that in India the birds never sing, the flowers have no fragrance, and the women never smile. No wonder the women of heathen lands never smile. Their lot is sad beyond description, but a better day has come for them. The Christian women of Christian lands are hastening to give them the gospel. The value and influence of the work accomplished by the women's societies in our own land cannot be estimated. It would not be difficult to present a table of statistics, but large as the figures would be, they would give no adequate view of the results of the work which woman, with her loving heart and her gentle touch, is doing for her sister woman in darkened countries. One looked at an opal as it lay on the jeweler's case, and it seemed cold and lusterless. Then the jeweler held the stone in his hand for a few moments, and now it shone with all the colors of the rainbow. It needed the touch of a human hand to bring out the iridescence. Like that stone in its case are the millions of women in heathendom. Their lives are dull and sad and without beauty, but they require only the warmth of the hands of Christian women to draw out all the beauty that slumbers in their nature. "Godly women have proved themselves the link, so long missing, to bring their sisters in eastern lands to the feet of Jesus."

Toiling early in the morning,
  Catching moments thro' the day,
Nothing small or lowly scorning
  While we work and watch and pray.
    Gathering gladly,
  Free-will offering by the way.

Not for selfish praise or glory,
Not for objects nothing worth,
But to send the blessed story
Of the gospel o'er the earth.
Telling mortals
Of our Lord and Saviour's birth.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK.

Reports were received from the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Thank-offering Secretary, Literature Committee, and Auxiliary Delegates.

List of Committees.

Auditing—Mrs. Reimer, Mrs. Catron.

President's Address—Mrs. Hillerman, Mrs. Valentine.

Corresponding Secretary and Literature Committee—Miss Danielson, Miss Guckas.

Letters, Greetings, Papers—Miss Albright, Mrs. Hill.

Nominating Committee—All members.

Reports for Papers—Mrs. Reimer.

Mrs. O. J. Valentine read an interesting tract on "Woman's Work in the Church."

A round table on "What I have Gained from the Missionary Society the Past Year," brought forth testimonials from the delegates, showing that not only are the members helping others, but are themselves being benefited by belonging to the society.

The following offerings were received:

First business session, $2.70; second business session, $4.28; evening session, $8.02. Total, $15.00.

Bills to the amount of $20.52 were presented and paid.

Seventy dollars was voted toward the expenses of our delegate to the General Convention at Philadelphia.

Resolution.

Resolved, That we adopt the plan of sending even dollars to the Synodical Treasurer.

One dollar and fifty cents was voted for the purchase of a new Secretary's record book.

Treasurer's Report of W. H. and F. M. Society of California for 1906-1907.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30, 1906.				Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1906.		Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1906.			Quarter Ending March 31, 1907.						Synodical Fund.	Total.
	General Fund.	Kalamazoo Mission.	Immanuel Mission.	Arundelpet, India.	General Fund.	Fund for California Churches Destroyed by Earthquake and Fire.	General Fund.	India Hospital Bed.	Never-Spend-a-Penny Band Fund.	General Fund.	Life Membership.	Christmas Offering.	Thank-Offering.	Clarksburg Mission.	School for Caste Girls, India.		
Balance																$55 81	$55 81
Alameda																	
Los Angeles	$9 00				$9 00	$12 75	$9 00	$5 00		$9 00	$10 00	$2 80	$35 00	$3 60		5 00	110 15
Los Angeles A. F. C. Mission Band							9 50			12 45		5 00	14 00			5 00	45 95
Oakland		$2 15	$2 15	$2 15			6 60			2 60			13 21				28 86
Pasadena	4 45				3 10		3 10	2 80	$3 17	2 10					$2 00	2 25	22 97
Redlands	2 90				3 50		3 00	4 70		6 00	40 00	4 00	45 00	7 00		4 85	120 95
Riverside	3 95				4 50	1 05	5 65	5 40		4 70	10 00		17 00	4 80		6 00	63 05
Sacramento (English)	2 70				1 60		2 15	3 60		2 45	10 00	1 55	9 15	3 00		3 75	39 95
Sacramento (C. E. Auxiliary)	5 00									5 00							10 00
Sacramento (Mission Band)																	
Sacramento (German)	18 00				18 00		18 00	12 00		18 00	10 00		28 80	12 00	5 00	12 00	151 80
Santa Barbara	1 27	20			95					1 90		20	6 13	75		1 00	12 40
San Diego	1 60				3 25		2 50	4 00		3 95			16 00	2 00		6 75	40 05
San Francisco (English)	2 10						4 85			4 80						2 50	14 25
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	7 50				6 00		6 00			6 00							25 50
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)																	
San José	2 50						3 00	1 80					18 25			5 00	30 55
Synodical Convention Offering						20 00											20 00
Amount received	$60 97	$2 35	$2 15	$2 15	$49 90	$33 80	$73 35	$39 30	$3 17	$78 95	$80 00	$13 55	$202 54	$33 15	$7 00	$109 91	$792 24
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Amount in Treasury																	$109 91

Reports of Committees.

President's Address.—Your Committee has carefully perused the President's address, and notes with pleasure the progress of our Woman's work during the past year, and the encouragement for the future. We accept, with thanks, the gavel which our President so thoughtfully had prepared and presented to the society at this time.

Great credit is due Mrs. Hoick for her excellent work on the exhibit which she has arranged for the coming Biennial Convention at Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN,
MRS. O. J. VALENTINE.

Auditing Committee.—The committee has examined the Treasurer's book and finds it correct, with the exception of a few minor points.

The necessary corrections have been made.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. REIMER,
MRS. I. CATRON.

Letters, Greetings, and Papers.—Greetings.—Mrs. Kate Boggs Shaffer sent cordial greetings in behalf of the Executive Committee, urging us to be brave and strong and press forward with increased zeal.

Mrs. G. H. Hillerman reported $202.54 as the Thank-offering, an increase of $80.54 over the previous year.

Mrs. W. E. Thomas, of San Diego, gave us a most interesting and graphic address on missions in Japan, China, and Manila, appealing for more missionaries for the orient.

Rev. E. H. Hadlock, Ph. D., of San Francisco, took for his theme, "Jesus Christ alone can save the world, but Jesus Christ can't save the world alone." Live workers wanted, not dead ones.

Mrs. Niell, of Los Angeles, gave us a most interesting paper upon "The Islands of the Sea," sending forth an enthusiasm which filled us with zeal for the island world.

Miss Danielson, of Riverside, read a paper on "How to Interest the Young in Missions," impressing upon us the fact that the Church must arise to the work.

Respectfully submitted, MISS BELLE ALBRIGHT,
MRS. MINA HILL.

Resolutions.—*Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to Almighty God for the success of our work in the past year, notwithstanding the temporary hindrance caused by the great calamity of a year ago.

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the generous hospitality of the pastor and people of the Redlands Church in the entertainment of this convention.

Resolved, That we hereby return our thanks to the various speakers and essayists for their excellent addresses and papers.

Resolved, That we return to our homes with the determination, by God's help, to accomplish even greater things in the coming year than in the past.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. A. E. DEITZ,
MRS. W. E. THOMAS.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1907.

Addresses were made by Rev. E. H. Hadlock, Ph. D., San Francisco, and Mrs. W. E. Thomas, San Diego.

Reading by Mrs. O. J. Valentine, Redlands.

MISS TURENA SORENSON,
Secretary pro tem.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Fresno, Cal.
Time—April 21st, 1909.

PROGRAM FOR SYNOD, 1909.

Wednesday Evening, Synodical Sermon.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg, President of Synod.
Rev. O. H. Gruver, Alternate.

Administration of the Lord's Supper. Pastor loci.

Thursday Evening. Foreign Mission Service.

Conducted by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Friday Evening. Home Mission Service.

Our Prospect.....Rev. D. J. Snyder.
Our Hindrances.....Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Saturday Morning, 10 o'clock. Paper: "Art X. Augsburg Confession."

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D.
Rev. W. J. Roehmer, Alternate.

Fraternal Delegate to the Pacific Synod.

Rev. Charles F. Oehler.

Fraternal Delegate to the California Conference of Augustana Synod.

Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

Delegates to Forty-fourth General Synod.

Principals.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. O. H. Gruver,	Dr. G. G. Burnett, 214 Haight St., San Francisco, Cal.
Rev. P. W. H. Frederick,	P. S. Leisenring, M. D., 10-12 Bon Ton Building, San Diego, Cal.
Rev. C. F. Oehler,	Mr. De Witt Wise, 487 Hartford Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Alternates.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg,	Mr. J. A. Bohn,
Rev. A. Jatho,	Mr. A. P. Crim,
Rev. S. W. Young,	Mr. J. F. Reimer.

Director for Tabitha Home.

Mr. J. A. Bohn.

Trustees of California Synod.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg,	Rev. O. H. Gruver,
P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	Rev. H. Gehrcke,

Mr. J. A. Bohn.

PROCEEDINGS of the EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Rev. W. L. Remsberg, Pastor),
SANTA BARBARA, CAL., May 5 to 8, 1908.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1908.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met in Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, Tuesday evening, May 5th, 1908, at 8 o'clock.

The Synodical sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. George H. Hillerman. The text was Ezek. xxxiii. 79, and the theme, "The Call for Evangelization." Rev. W. L. Remsberg and W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., assisted in the services.

The Synodical Communion was received by the members of Synod.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1908, 9 A. M.

The half-hour devotional service, including an exposition of 2 Timothy, was conducted by Rev. A. E. Deitz.

Synod convened at 9.30 A. M. with the call to order by the President and the use of the regular form of service.

The roll of pastors was called and the credentials of delegates received and their names enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Name of Delegate.
1	Silas W. Young, *e*	1868	1903	Salinas	Salinas, Our Saviour	C. P. Moller, *a. e.*
2	John Gutleben, *a. e*	1870	1905	Fruitvale, 1516 High St.		
3	George R. Bird, *a. e*	1874	1904	Pasadena, 31 Bellevue Drive	Pasadena, Trinity.	
4	Wilson L. Remsberg	1877	1903	Santa Barbara, 1531 De la Vina St	Santa Barbara, Grace	A. J. Gulek, *a. e.*
5	Jacob C. Moser, *a. e.*	1877	1892	Washington, D. C., 1107 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.		
6	Winfield S. Hoskinson, D. D.	1879	1891	Sacramento, 1415 18th St	Sacramento, First	Frank Meckfessel, *a.*
7	Henry S. Feix, *a. e.*	1880	1905	Alameda, 1030 Santa Clara Ave	Alameda, Christ	F. A. Lorenz, *a.*
8	J. C. Pedersen, *a. e.*	1881	1906	Muhlenberg, Africa.		
9	L. C. Routzahn, *a.*	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande.		
10	Michael F. Rinker	1885	1908	Los Angeles, General Delivery.		
11	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1322 Adaline St	San Francisco, St. Andrew's.	Konrad Bill, *a. e.*
12	Charles F. Oehler, *a. e.*	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1207 K St	Sacramento, German	James Popert, *a.*
13	William Brandes, *a. e.*	1889	1896	Alameda, 1120 Grand St.		
14	Archibald E. Deitz	1891	1904	Riverside, 925 Walnut St	Riverside, Trin'ty	J. F. Reimer, *e.*
15	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1893	San Francisco, 587 Dolores St	San Francisco, St. Matthew's.	John Bruns, *a. e.*
16	Oscar H. Gruver	1892	1904	Oakland, 642 18th St	Oakland, First English	J. A. Bohn.
17	Edwin H. Hadlock, Ph. D., *a.*	1893	1905	San Francisco.		
18	John E. Hoick	1894	1898	San Diego, 815 Cedar St	San Diego, First	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
19	Herbert J. Weaver	1894	1900	Los Angeles, 1241 W. 9th St	Los Angeles, First English	DeWitt Wise, *e.*
20	Julius W. Romich	1895	1907	Los Angeles, 1308 W. 38th St	Los Angeles, St. Mark's	Morris W. Furhman, *a. e.*
21	George H. Hillerman	1896	1896	Redlands, 44 La Verne St	Redlands, First	A. Cornelius.
22	William J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno, 638 E St	Fresno, Wartburg	John Isheim, *a. e.*
23	James J. Chambers, *a. e.*	1896	1907	Alpaugh.		
24	William E. Crouser	1898	1902	San José, 450 N. 4th St	San José, Grace	E. L. Patterson, *a. e.*
25	Lutz Horn, *a.*	1898	1904	Switzerland.		
26	Paul W. H. Frederick	1900	1903	San Bernardino, 698 8th St	San Bernardino, First Engl'sh	W. F. Maxwell, *a. e.*
27	David J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 121 Locust St	Long Beach, Trinity.	
28	Charles W. Weiser, *l.*	1908	1908	Los Angeles, R. F. D. No. 3, Box 291.		
	Vacant				San Francisco, First English.	J. W. Fricke, *a. e.*

a. Absent. *l.* Licensed. *e.* Excused.

The President read his annual report as follows:

President's Report.

BELOVED BRETHREN:

The following is a record of the official acts of the President for the past Synodical year, together with some other items of interest to Synod:

ADMISSIONS.

On August 19th, 1907, Rev. Julius W. Romich, from Colorado Synod.

On April 15th, 1908, Rev. Daniel J. Snyder, from East Pennsylvania Synod.

On April 23d, 1908, Rev. Michael F. Rinker, from Kansas Synod.

LOSSES.

On November 8th, 1907, Rev. A. J. Hartsock, D. D., by death.

On December 16th, 1907, Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D. D., by letter to Kansas Synod.

RESIGNATIONS.

On October 22d, 1907, Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D. D., resigned Trinity Church, Long Beach, to take effect November 30th, 1907.

On March 22d, 1908, Rev. E. Harvey Hadlock, Ph. D., resigned the First Church, San Francisco, to take effect May 31st, 1908; but changed later to take effect April 30th, 1908.

On April 5th, 1908, Rev. George R. Bird resigned Trinity Church, Pasadena, to take effect May 31st, 1908.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. P. W. H. Frederick accepted the call to the newly-organized congregation at San Bernardino, extended June 16th, 1907.

Rev. J. W. Romich accepted the call to St. Mark's, Los Angeles, extended on July 14th, 1907.

Rev. D. J. Snyder accepted the call to Trinity Church, Long Beach, extended January 12th, 1908.

INSTALLATIONS.

On April 14th, 1907, Rev. George R. Bird was installed as pastor of Trinity Church, Pasadena, by Rev. A. J. Hartsock, D. D. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. Hartsock and to the congregation by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D.

On August 25th, 1907, Rev. Julius W. Romich was installed as pastor of St. Mark's congregation, Los Angeles, by Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D.; the charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. Ziegler, and to the congregation by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

On November 24th, 1907, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick was installed as pastor of the First Church, San Bernardino, by the President of Synod, who also

delivered the charge to the pastor. The charge to the congregation was delivered by Rev. A. E. Deitz.

ORGANIZATIONS.

Two new congregations were organized during the year.

On June 16th, 1907, at San Bernardino, by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, with forty charter members.

On August 18th, 1907, at Chualar, by Rev. S. W. Young, with seventeen charter members.

CORNER-STONE LAID.

On June 16th, 1907, St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, Rev. H. Gehrcke, pastor, laid the corner-stone of their new church.

DEDICATIONS.

Three churches were dedicated to the worship of Almighty God during the year.

On April 14th, 1907, Trinity Church, Pasadena, Rev. George R. Bird, pastor.

On September 1st, 1907, the Sunday school room of St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, Rev. H. Gehrcke, pastor.

On February 9th, 1908, St. Andrew's Church, San Francisco, Rev. A. Jatho, pastor.

On March 29th, 1908, St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, Rev. Herman Gehrcke, pastor.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On December 1st, 1907, the German Church, Sacramento, Rev. C. F. Oehler, pastor, celebrated its fortieth anniversary with fitting ceremonies. Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., was appointed to bear to them the greetings of Synod.

PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

On April 15th, 1907, a copy of the propositions relative to the proposed Pacific Theological Seminary was mailed to each member of our committee and to others interested.

On April 25th, 1907, the President sent the following letter to each member of the Seminary Committee:

"To the Pacific Theological Seminary Committee of California Synod: In view of the fact that the propositions relative to the Pacific Theological Seminary adopted this year by California Synod, by omitting the words, 'no restitution being granted in case of dissolution,' may cause some to think that California Synod has receded from her position of a year ago, I, as President of Synod for the current year, and as Secretary when the propositions were adopted, hereby officially certify that the said clause was omitted solely in

the interests of peace and harmony, and with no thought or intention on the part of California Synod of receding from the position of last year.

"And I, as the executive officer of California Synod, hereby instruct the Pacific Theological Seminary Committee of California Synod to so carry forward future negotiations that bear on this question, that there shall be no doubt in the minds of any as to our intention in these resolutions to insist on the 'no restitution' clause; and I further instruct the committee to safeguard legally our position in this matter."

Just before this convention of Synod the President appointed Rev. O. H. Gruver as a member of the Pacific Theological Seminary Committee, *vice* Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., resigned.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO PACIFIC SYNOD.

Your President was appointed by the last convention of this Synod as fraternal delegate to Pacific Synod which met in Bellingham, Wash., June 5th to 9th, 1907. Finding it impossible to attend he sent his greetings to the President of Pacific Synod, together with an expression of our attitude on the Seminary question; and a notice of the reception of the same appeared in the last Minutes of Pacific Synod. Rev. Emil Meyer has been again appointed fraternal delegate to our Synod.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the resolution of the last Synod, the President increased the Home Mission Committee to six members, constituting three of them auxiliary, so as not to conflict with the requirements of the constitution.

LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Just before the last General Synod two of the lay delegates notified the President that they would be unable to attend that convention. Effort was made to secure the attendance of an alternate, but without success.

RELATIONS WITH CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

1. At the request of Rev. Ph. Andreen, President of the California Conference of the Augustana Synod, your President appointed Rev. W. J. Roehmer fraternal delegate from this Synod to the meeting of their Conference in Kingsburg in February of this year; and requested them to appoint a fraternal delegate from their Conference to this convention of Synod.

2. On August 27th and 28th, 1907, two conferences were held between Rev. Ph. Andreen, of San Francisco, the President of the California Conference of Augustana Synod; Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D., of Los Angeles, supervising pastor of Swedish Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside, and the council of this Swedish Church, of Riverside, on the one hand; and the President of California Synod, Rev. A. E. Deitz, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, and the council of this latter church, on the other, to

arrange, if possible, a plan of union between these two congregations. Articles were drawn up and agreed to by both parties, to be submitted to the respective congregations on September 11th, 1907. At these meetings both congregations rejected the plan. But while no union was effected, there was wrought a better and closer relationship between us and the Swedish Conference by this coming together; and the two days' sessions marked a step that would not have been even considered when your President came to California.

EXPENSES.

The expenses of the President are as follows:

Stationery		$5 00
Postage on 511 letters and cards		9 20
Express, freight, telephone		1 60
Railroad fare to L. A. in interest of St. Mark's; to L. B. in interest of Trinity; to Riverside in interest of San Bernardino, etc.		7 85
Total		$23 65
Received on above		
For stationery	$5 00	
For freight	30	
For one trip to S. B.	35	
		5 65
Balance		$18 00

For this sum we kindly ask for an order on the Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That a committee be appointed to codify the revisions to the constitution of Synod and the resolutions of our conventions, and to present a revised constitution at the next convention, to be acted on in 1910.

2. That a Historian be elected or appointed to complete the records begun when Synod was organized.

3. That some rule be established whereby the pastors of Synod shall be obliged to notify the President promptly and accurately of matters in their churches of Synodical interest.

4. That the constitution of Synod be so amended as to consolidate the work of the Committees on Home Missions and Church Extension, doing away with one committee.

5. That blank forms of credentials be printed and furnished the pastors in order that the roll of lay delegates and the appointment of committees may be completed before the opening of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Field Secretary of the Western District of the Board of Home Missions, was received as an advisory member of Synod.

The Treasurer presented his report.

The report was received and referred to the auditing committee. (See Appendix "A.")

The President appointed the following committees:

Committees of California Synod, 1908.

President's Report—Rev. J. W. Romich, Rev. C. F. Oehler, Mr. Morris W. Furhman.

Letters and Papers—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., Rev. W. E. Crouser, Mr. J. A. Bohn.

Absentees and Excuses—Rev. H. Gehrcke, Rev. O. H. Gruver, Mr. A. J. Gluck.

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. E. Hoick, Rev. H. S. Feix, Mr. F. A. Lorenz.

Minutes of Conferences—Rev. A. E. Deitz, Rev. A. Jatho, Mr. De Witt Wise.

Auditing—Messrs. A. Cornelius, J. F. Reimer, J. A. Bohn.

Resolutions—Rev. W. E. Crouser, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, Mr. W. F. Maxwell.

Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies—Rev. D. J. Snyder, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Minutes of other Synods—Rev. S. W. Young, Rev. W. J. Roehmer, Mr. John Bruns.

Necrological—Rev. H. J. Weaver, Rev. M. F. Rinker, Mr. C. P. Moller.

Home Mission Blanks—Rev. W. E. Crouser, Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Legal Status of Synod—Rev. M. F. Rinker, Messrs. A. Cornelius, De Witt Wise.

Instructions to Seminary Committee—Rev. H. J. Weaver, Rev. W. E. Crouser, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Reporters—City Press, Rev. W. L. Remsberg; *Observer*, Rev. D. J. Snyder; *World*, Rev. O. H. Gruver; *Evangelist*, Rev. W. E. Crouser; *California Lutheran*, Rev. A. E. Deitz; *Lutheran*, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick; *Zionsbote*, Rev. A. Jatho.

The presentation of the reports of standing committees was next in order.

The Committee on the Pacific Theological Seminary presented their report. Same was received to be considered at the first hour Thursday morning.

The report on Last Year's Minutes was received to be considered immediately after the Home Mission Report.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read and consideration of same postponed till first hour Wednesday afternoon.

The report of the Committee of Church Extension was read and the time set for consideration after Home Mission report.

The Parochial Reports of each congregation were read by the pastors.

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

A temperance crusade, born of consecration and indomitable faith, threatens to sweep the licensed saloon from this nation. Never before since this institution of immorality has been thrust upon the nation, has there been such a popular uprising against it, with such practical results. The prayers of the people of God are being answered. Judges of the law unhesitatingly declare that the saloon has no legal existence. Large and numerous enterprises are demanding total abstinence of their employees. Over half the territory of this nation has been already wrestled from the grip of the licensed saloon, and the daily press thrills with the announcement of new victories. The crusade is being waged with such persistency and efficiency that final triumph is near. The national conscience is thoroughly aroused, and our deliverance from this slavery is assured. The foundations of a new commercial life and social purity are being laid. In all this we rejoice, and pledge again our most hearty support to all organizations working for the enactment of healthful legislation along the lines of temperance reform and social purity.

We also pledge our heart and hand for the final and definite suppression of the licensed bar under whatever form it may exist, and of the illicit sale of intoxicants.

For many reasons that are two well known to need mentioning, we also advocate total abstinence as the only safe course for any individual.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
S. W. YOUNG.

Adopted.

On motion the hours for the business sessions of Synod were fixed at 8.30 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 3 P. M. Dr. P. S. Leisenring led in prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg offered prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes read and approved.

The special order was taken up.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your Committee on Home Missions submits the following report:

I. MATTERS REFERRED TO THIS COMMITTEE FROM THE LAST CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

1. The traveling expenses of the members of the Pacific Theological Seminary Committee were to be provided for on our order. No bills were presented.

2. Elmhurst was referred to this committee. Facts concerning the field were secured by the chairman and referred through our delegates to General Synod, to the Board of Home Missions. No return report has ever been made to this committee.

3. A resolution was passed requesting the immediate occupation of the Richmond district, San Francisco. Conditions after Synod were such that it has been deemed wise to do nothing in that field at the present.

4. We were authorized to ask the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to assume the entire mission support of St. Mark's, Los Angeles, that we might use our former grant to that mission for the support of a Synodical Missionary. They willingly granted the request.

5. The matter of paying towards the supply of St. Mark's, Los Angeles, during its vacancy, was referred to this committee. Repeated requests to members of St. Mark's congregation from the chairman of this committee for a written statement of the amount needed to supplement what they could raise brought no response; hence no order was drawn in their behalf.

6. The most important work entrusted to this committee was the calling of a Synodical Missionary.

After consultation and correspondence, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. C. F. Oehler, of Sacramento, on July 29th, 1907. Bro. Oehler saw fit to decline the call.

On September 3d, 1907, a unanimous call was extended Rev. J. E. Hoick to enter this work. He had the call under consideration when the financial situation reached its crisis, which determined Bro. Hoick to hold over a definite answer till near the time of this convention of Synod. He declined the call under date of April 28th, 1908. The need for this officer was never more evident than to-day.

II. NEW WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. On May 9th, 1907, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick was commissioned to make a canvass of San Bernardino. An organization was affected June 2d, 1907, with forty charter members, who called Rev. Frederick as the first pastor. The expense of the canvass was $54.50.

2. In February, 1908, Rev. M. F. Rinker was authorized to supply the pulpit at Long Beach until the pastor elect should arrive, his remuneration to be $5.00 a Sunday, one-half of which was to be borne by Synod. He supplied them for seven Sundays.

III. REPORTS OF THE MISSIONS.

1. The reports:

In response to the call for reports every mission, sixteen in all, sent in blanks filled out with more or less exactness. But of these reports only three were in on time, while the last one reached the chairman of the committee thirteen days late.

And even this blank form has failed to bring in uniform reports, and as the failure of one or more to properly give the information mars the total result, most of this summary is approximate.

These sixteen missions report 981 communicants this year as against 773 last year, a gain of 198.

This net gain has been made from 135 received by confirmation and baptism, 54 by restoration, and 130 by letter.

The average attendance at the morning service is from sixty-five per cent. of the number of communicants to one hundred and fifty per cent.; while the

evening attendance is from fifty per cent. to one hundred and twenty per cent.

While fourteen prayer meetings are reported with an attendance equal in number from one-eighth to two-thirds of the membership, there are six congregations with no prayer meeting. This ought not to be; every congregation in California Synod should have one or more weekly prayer services.

The Sunday schools as reported show 1,131 enrolled, with an average of from fifty per cent. to eighty-five per cent.

Several of the answers under the information sought concerning the Sunday school showed evident misunderstanding of the meaning of the terms used, and consequently render this entire part of the report valueless.

Seven of the missions are neglecting a source of their effectiveness in having no organized young people's work, while in the other missions only 225 of our young men and young women are thus enlisted, who have from fifty per cent. to eighty per cent. of their membership at their weekly prayer service.

For the same reason that the Sunday school report could not be used, that on the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies is set aside.

The total valuation of church property is put at $159,800.00, a gross gain of $44,500.00, but as one congregation reports its value at $1,000.00 less than last year, the net gain is $43,500.00. On this property there is an indebtedness of $42,037.50, which is $17,014.00 greater than last year for the same congregations. Three have added to their indebtedness the sum of $18,850.00, while six have decreased, in sums ranging from $50.00 to $700.00, to the amount of $1,836.00, and three have the same figures as one year ago.

These missions are receiving $8,685.00 annually from the Board of Home Missions, and are returning in church channels $13,488.41 (no report financially from three), of which $1,365.94 is for benevolence, and $379.87 is for Home Missions. Only two show a deficit in their Synodical apportionment for benevolence.

Eleven report salary paid promptly, three say not, and two make no answer to the query.

The most notable improvements in church property reported are the two new churches in San Francisco, St. Andrew's and St. Matthew's. Besides these there are reports of new furnishings, new chancel furniture, new carpet, new Bibles for the Sunday school, new books of worship, organ, pianos, baptismal font, etc.

2. Special items:

In membership Fresno leads, having to day nearly two and a half times as many communicants as a year ago—a gain of eighty-nine; while one mission shows a net loss of twenty-five members, or twenty-six per cent. of its enrollment.

In benevolence the San Diego congregation leads with $25.00 excess over apportionment. In payment of indebtedness, Alameda stands first, having paid $700.00 during the year, leaving but $300.00 balance.

The oldest pastor in point of service is Rev. Herman Gehrcke, of St. Matthew's, San Francisco, who has served that people thirteen years.

The latest to take charge is Rev. D. J. Snyder, who became pastor of Long Beach, April 1st, 1908.

On December 1st, 1907, the First Church, San Francisco, resumed self-support after receiving aid from the earthquake fund for one year.

One new congregation, that at San Bernardino, has been taken on the funds of the Board during the year.

The congregation at Salinas has paid off their entire debt on the lot and is now ready to build.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. From the pastors.

(*a*) One pastor requests Synod to formulate a plan whereby the Synod can help weak congregations secure their lot before they appeal to the Board of Church Extension. We recommend that this be referred to the incoming Church Extension Committee, with instructions to report at the 1909 con-convention of Synod.

(*b*) A request is made that some Synodical officer visit the missions at the time of the annual application for aid, to urge the reduction of the amount of help received, as this is a matter that can be done better by someone other than the pastor. We recommend that this be referred to Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., for advice.

(*c*) Request is made for a pastor for Sanger, one who understands that people. We recommend that this be referred to the incoming Home Mission Committee.

(*d*) One pastor's simple request is, "earnest prayer only." We recommend that prayer bands or circles be formed in all our congregations to pray daily for the work of the church on this coast, and particularly for the pastors and congregations of California Synod.

2. From the Committee.

We recommend—

(*a*) That the thanks of this Synod be extended to the Board of Home Missions and to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society for their generous aid to our churches and for their patient continuance of the same.

(*b*) That some *common* definite date be set for the turning in of ALL reports, Parochial, State of Church, and Home Missions. The two dates now in use render the work confusing.

(*c*) That from the funds now in the Sunday School and Young People's Society, and the Synodical Home Mission treasuries, an amount shall be drawn sufficient to purchase a portable chapel for the use of Synod.

(*d*) That the President order the Treasurer of Synod to pay to St. Mark's

Church, of Los Angeles, a sum not to exceed $25.00 for expenses incurred during the vacancy in the pastorate.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
OSCAR H. GRUVER,
WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
A. P. CRIM,
G. G. BURNETT.

The report was considered *seriatim*.

Adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Committee on Apportionment was instructed.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. E. Hoick.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1908, 9 A. M.

After a half-hour devotional service led by Rev. A. E. Deitz, Synod was called to order by the President.

Rev. M. F. Rinker offered prayer.

Roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

On motion, 11.30 o'clock was named as the hour to hear the representative of the Board of Home Missions, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., present that cause.

The order of the day was the report of the Committee on the Pacific Theological Seminary.

On motion, speeches were limited to ten minutes each.

Report was considered *seriatim*.

The following substitute was offered:

Resolved, That the California Synod reaffirm the offer to the Pacific Synod for the establishment of a joint Theological Seminary.

The yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Yeas—Clerical: A. Jatho, H. Gehrcke, O. H. Gruver, J. E. Hoick, J. W. Romich, W. J. Roehmer, W. E. Crouser, P. W. H. Frederick. Lay: J. F. Reimer, P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Nays—Clerical: M. F. Rinker, A. E. Deitz, H. J. Weaver, G. H. Hillerman, D. J. Snyder, W. L. Remsberg, W. S. Hoskinson. Lay: De Witt Wise, A. Cornelius.

J. A. Bohn declined to vote.

Result—yeas, 10; nays, 9.

Substitute declared adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's Report submits the following:

The report is truly gratifying and gives evidence that the President has sought to faithfully and conscientiously perform the duties pertaining to that office.

It is with a sense of profound gratitude to God that notwithstanding many hindrances, the work of our Lutheran Church on the Pacific Coast has been going steadily forward.

We rejoice in the fact that the various Synods represented on our territory are co-operating more and more in the Master's work.

Your committee respectfully recommend the following:

1. That all the official acts as given in the report be approved.

2. That an order be granted the President for the amount due him for his expenses.

3. That the recommendations of the President of Synod be considered *seriatim*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ROMICH,
C. F. OEHLER,
MORRIS W. FURHMAN.

President's report considered *seriatim*.

Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Of the twenty churches of our Synod, eighteen have sent in reports to the committee. From these reports, as well as from the parochial tables, also from personal interview, the following facts have been deduced:

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

The number of communicant members is 1,929, an increase of 119 over last year. This slight gain is caused by the loss of 128 from one congregation. The number of confirmed members is 3,027, an increase of 324. Two-thirds of the confirmed members appear to be communicants. While some of the other third are doubtless non-residents, it is to be feared that a large number

of those who have been confirmed have lapsed. These startling figures admonish us to devote more time and care upon prospective church members, that they may not only have the form of godliness, but the power of it also.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at the morning services averages about seventy-five per cent. of the church membership. Several churches report eighty per cent., one eighty-five per cent., while to Sanger, with its eighteen families, the unique distinction is given of having one hundred per cent. present at public services. The average attendance at the evening services is about fifty per cent. Our California cities are noted for their magnificent distances; this is doubtless the reason why the devoted Christian who travels from five to fifteen miles to church in the morning does not make his appearance in the evening also.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday schools present a very encouraging report. The Sunday school of the First Church, Los Angeles, has the largest membership with its 276 pupils; the German Church, Sacramento, comes second with 240. In accordance with the recommendation of Synod last year, your committee endeavored to gather facts regarding Sunday school literature. With but few exceptions, our Augsburg Lesson Helps are used. One school uses the General Council series of graded lessons, one has 107 periodicals printed by the Publication House, also 50 copies of Cook's literature, another with 154 of the former, has 40 of the latter. Still another with 71 Augsburg Helps, has 30 copies of *Children's Companions*. About 200 copies of the unexcelled *Lutheran Young People* are taken, also 270 copies of *Little Ones*, 275 copies of *The King's Message* and 110 *Sunday School Heralds*.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Thirteen churches report prayer meetings, one a Praying Band. The attendance ranges from five to eighty per cent. Here again distance doubtless militates against a large attendance.

SOCIETIES.

Fifteen Missionary Societies are reported. Their condition is most creditable. "A good society with excellent meetings," says one report. "Interesting and profitable meetings," "Society in good working order, 100 members, 35 new," are the terms used to describe this potent auxiliary in church work. One hundred and eleven copies of *Lutheran Woman's Work* are reported, and over $800.00 contributed during the year.

Seven Ladies' Aid, eight Luther Leagues, six Christian Endeavor Societies, also two Men's Leagues, two Boys' Clubs and one Guild of Young People—forty-one organizations—attend to the social and spiritual welfare of their members.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

During the past year Sanger has erected a house of worship; two churches destroyed by the calamity in San Francisco have been rebuilt. We rejoice with both St. Andrew's and St. Matthew's congregations in securing such beautiful church homes. The German Church has a building fund of $10,000.00. Minor improvements have been made in a number of churches. St. Mark's has beautified the interior at a cost of $300.00. Trinity, Pasadena, has finished and furnished its house of worship. The exterior of Trinity, Riverside, has been painted. Salinas has its lot paid for and has $500.00 for a building fund. Sacramento, English, has painted and frescoed the interior, built a new porch and carpeted the floor of their church study and purchased a new piano, while Alameda has bought a new piano and put in chandeliers and electric lights in its house of worship.

CHURCH FINANCES.

To the question, "Has the apportionment been paid?" Twelve replied, "yes"; of these, three paid with excess; three answered, "no"; and one replied, "not quite."

"Has the pastor's salary been promptly paid?" Fourteen said "yes"; one answered "no"; one replied "almost"; one said "fairly so"; and another "not very."

In raising finances the majority use the subscription method, one assessment, and another uses every possible honorable means. Seven churches have reduced their indebtedness by the aggregate sum of $2,297.75. One church shows an increase of $1,370.00.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

It is, indeed, a hopeful sign that our people are reading church literature. In addition to the 111 copies of *Lutheran Woman's Work* already mentioned, 32 copies of *Lutheran Church Work*, 100 church periodicals, 225 *Home Evangels* and 400 *California Lutherans* are taken.

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Last year there were eight students for the ministry reported, this year there is only one. This decline is truly lamentable. Prayer, unceasing and fervent, should be raised up to the Lord of the harvest "that He send forth laborers into His harvest."

CONCLUSION.

Such, brethren, is a résumé of the reports which have come to our hands. While the return in some cases have been abundant, in other cases it seems that little progress has been made. "Be ye steadfast," "in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

RECOMMENDATION.

Whereas the report blank has become out of date, we recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare and have printed a new report blank.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
W. L. REMSBERG,
A. E. DEITZ.

Adopted.

The special order of the day having arrived, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., addressed Synod for a half hour.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The admonition of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian Christians was, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Herein are three things emphasized: first, that of "giving"; second, giving "regularly or systematically"; third, giving "proportionately."

From this, as well as the giving of "tithes" in Old Testament times, we have abundant evidence that systematic beneficence was practiced in Biblical times.

Upon inquiry, your committee finds that some system is quite generally pursued by our churches in gathering in the offerings for beneficence.

Some use the "duplex" system, some devote the communion offering to beneficence, others, the offering on the first Sunday of each month. A system which has been found very successful is the use of a pink colored envelope, dated and addressed to each member just before communion Sunday, accompanying the same with a printed or mimeographed letter setting forth the purpose of the offering.

Personally, the chairman of this committee has evolved a system of eight pink envelopes specially devoted to the eight objects of beneficence. Each one is dated, numbered and named, and inserted in place in the package of regular contribution envelopes. This system has been worked satisfactorily. Notice that it is said the system "has been worked." No system, however good, will work itself.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK.

Adopted.

Time was extended to hear reports.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee have a letter from Dr. F. G. Gotwald, Secretary of the Board of Education, also a letter from Dr. H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of Board of Church Extension. We recommend that they be read before Synod.

We also have the constitution and request of the church at San Bernardino, asking for admission into Synod. We find that they have fulfilled the conditions necessary, and recommend that this church be admitted to Synod and placed on the roll of churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
J. A. BOHN,
W. E. CROUSER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Number of schools reported, 20; officers and teachers, 227; scholars, 1,821. Amount expended for support of school and local objects, $2,021.58. Amount for benevolence, $744.62. This shows an increase of 37 officers and teachers, 355 scholars, $241.52 for support of school and local objects, and $68.98 for benevolence.

Number of Young People's Societies reported, 15; members enrolled, 371. Contributions for local objects, $631.56; for benevolence, $189.25. This shows an increase of 49 members, $194.59 for local objects, and a decrease of $64.95 for benevolence.

Since the Sunday school is one of the important branches of the Church we would impress on all pastors and teachers the importance of giving careful and prayerful attention to the children and young people of our beloved Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. SNYDER,
P. S. LEISENRING,
W. S. HOSKINSON.

Adopted.

On motion, the Committee appointed to Prepare the Home Mission Blank was continued to report next year.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Other Synods.

There have been placed in the hands of your committee Minutes of the following Synods, viz., Pittsburgh, Iowa, Central Pennsylvania and Pacific.

There is nothing that we can find in any of these Minutes claiming our attention, except as found in Minutes of Pacific Synod on the exchange of delegates. We recommend that such delegate be elected, to bear fraternal

greetings from this Synod to Pacific Synod, which convenes at The Dalles, Oregon, June 24th, 1908.

Respectfully submitted, S. W. YOUNG,
W. J. ROEHMER.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1908, 2 P. M.

Synod was convened by the President.

Rev. W. E. Crouser led in prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Church Extension.

Your Committee on Church Extension would report as follows:

The most hearty co-operation has existed during the past year between the Board of Church Extension and this Committee. No application for Church Extension aid has been acted upon by the Board or by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society without first referring it to our local committee; and no application that has been endorsed by us has been turned down, nor has there been any long delay in granting the aid asked.

Church Extension aid has been granted as follows:

$500.00 loan to Sanger from the Board and the Executive Committee.

$1,500.00 to Salinas, of which $700.00 is a loan from the Board, $600.00 a loan from the Executive Committee, and $200.00 donation from the latter.

$550.00 loan to Long Beach on the lot and a grant of $2,000.00 special offering from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society now being raised.

The congregation at San Bernardino is raising money for a lot.

Sanger has built a new church, and Salinas is ready to begin.

St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's of San Francisco have received the amounts reported to Synod last year, and have erected new houses of worship.

We have not been informed concerning the repayment of loans to the Board by our California churches. This is a matter that should be pressed a little heavier on the ecclesiastical conscience. Every dollar thus returned is aiding another needy congregation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend—

That the thanks of this Synod be tendered the Board of Church Extension and the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society for their generous aid and hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
P. W. H. FREDERICK,
J. F. REIMER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes.

Your Committee on Last Year's Minutes found the protocol well and cleanly written, and the printed Minutes well gotten up. No further items demand the attention of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
FRANK MECKFESSEL.

Adopted.

The Secretary reported the proceedings of the Ministerium to Synod. On motion, the action of the Ministerium was ratified by Synod.

Report of the Publishing Committee of The California Lutheran.

The committee to whom was entrusted the editing and publishing of *The California Lutheran* would report as follows:

After adjournment of Synod, the committee met and sub-divided the work as follows: Editor in Chief, Rev. G. H. Hillerman; Subscription Manager for the Northern Conference, Rev. O. H. Gruver; Subscription Manager for the Southern Conference, Rev. A. E. Deitz; Advertising Manager, Rev. H. S. Feix; Business Manager, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Of the three plans proposed by Synod, the first was found most feasible. (See Par. 19.) Accordingly, the arrangement with the Young Lutheran Publishing Co. was continued, and after the financial condition permitted, four additional pages were added, with the following brethren in charge of the various departments: California Notes, Rev. G. H. Hillerman; Devotional Department, Rev. A. E. Deitz; Sunday Schools and Young People's Department, Rev. O. H. Gruver; Missionary Department, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

The cost of publication during the past thirteen months has been $214.96, and we are happy to report to you that all accounts have been paid up to May 1st, 1908. An itemized statement of receipts and expenditures will be found in Exhibit "A" appended hereto.

This excellent showing has been made possible because of the hearty co-operation of a number of the pastors in the introduction of the paper among their

people; also because of faithful efforts of the members of the publishing committee, who have given freely of both time and money for the furtherance of the Synodical publication; especially deserving of mention are Mr. Bohn, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Reimer for their contributions in assisting to finance the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHEREAS, The future usefulness of the *California Lutheran* is dependent upon its more general circulation in the home of the churches of our State, and

WHEREAS, But comparatively few of them are subscribers,

We recommend that the pastors send in to the publisher local notes, also that they give our Synodical paper their endorsement, co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
A. E. DEITZ,
O. H. GRUVER,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Adopted.

The Parochial Report was presented and adopted. (See Appendix "C.")

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

Your committee would report that the minutes of the Southern Conference show that a meeting of that body was held at Riverside, October 30 and 31, 1907. No business requiring the attention of Synod was transacted.

We understand that the Northern Conference held one meeting during the year, but the minutes of that Conference have not been sent to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. DEITZ,
A. JATHO,
DE WITT WISE.

Adopted.

Report of the Necrological Committee.

During the past year the angel of death has been very active in the bounds of our Synod. The oldest clerical member and two other retired Lutheran ministers residing in our midst, the dear wife of one of our devoted pastors and two beloved children of two other pastors, have all entered the heavenly home.

While we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, we deeply feel the losses which have come to our hearts and homes.

Rev. A. J. Hartsock, D. D., after a brief illness, entered into rest November 8th, 1907. For seventy-five years he had lived, loved and labored. His most notable work was the building of the Lutheran Church in Salina, Kan. His body was taken back to Kansas and laid to rest beside that of his beloved wife.

Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer, D. D., at the ripe old age of seven-three, fell asleep in Jesus, at his home in Pasadena, December 15th, 1907. Bro. Brodfuehrer was a member of the Synod of Northern Illinois, and had been a Professor in the Seminary in Chicago and the pastor of a number of churches in that vicinity.

Rev. Cephas Baird, also having passed the three score and ten years, died at the home of his son in Santa Monica, March 23d, 1908. He was a member of the Iowa Synod. In his ministry of fifty-four years he had organized twenty-six congregations. He was the father of seven children, all of whom survive him.

Mrs. A. E. Deitz, beloved wife of Rev. A. E. Deitz, of Riverside, after an illness of only one week entered the heavenly mansions, December 18th, 1907, at the age of thirty-five years ten months and thirteen days. She was a true helpmate to her husband, a devoted mother to her children, and a kind friend to all who knew her.

Herbert La Fayette Weaver, the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert J. Weaver, of the First Church, Los Angeles, fell asleep in Jesus, April 17th, 1907, having lived only twenty days.

Conrad Roehmer, son of Rev. and Mrs. William J. Roehmer, of Fresno, fell asleep on January 27th, 1908, at the age of three and one-half years.

The sympathy of Synod is hereby extended to the bereaved families, and we pray the comfort and presence of the divine Comforter in each heart and home.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
M. F. RINKER.

Adopted by a rising vote while the Rev. Dr. Ludden led the Synod in prayer.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Your committee beg leave to report the Treasurer's accounts to be correct.

Respectfully submitted, A. CORNELIUS,
J. F. REIMER,
J. A. BOHN.

Adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. Gehrcke.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

The evening service was devoted to Home Missions. Rev. W. E. Crouser gave the address on the theme, "Some of the Claims of Christianity." His text was 2 Kings x. 15. Revs. J. W. Romich, H. J. Weaver and G. H. Hillerman assisted in the service.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1908, 9 A. M.

After the half-hour devotional service, Synod convened with prayer by the President.

Roll was called and minutes read and approved.

Amendments.

The proposed amendments were called up for action, viz., Article IV., Sec. 2, change the word "opening" to "close."

Article V., Sec. 3 (6), change the words "one week before the convention of Synod" to "at midnight on March 20th of each year."

Both amendments adopted.

By-law 10, change to read: "All ministers and congregations must send their Parochial Reports to the Statistical Secretary not later than March 21st, and the Secretary shall arrange," etc.

By-law 11, change to read: "The Synodical year shall close on March 20th, and everything," etc.

Both amendments adopted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1908–1909.

(See Appendix B.)

Adopted.

The fraternal delegate from the California Conference of Augustana Synod, Rev. A. Kinell, of Templeton, Cal., presented his credentials, which were received, and it was resolved that a fraternal delegate be appointed to return the greetings of California Synod.

Rev. W. J. Roehmer reported his meeting with the California Conference of Augustana Synod as fraternal delegate at Kingsbury, Cal., February 19th to 23d, 1908.

Rev. C. G. Stacy was received as an advisory member of Synod.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your delegates elected to represent this body at the late General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, which convened at Sunbury, Pa., May 23d to May 30th, 1907, beg leave to report as follows:

Those delegates who were present were exceedingly impressed with the consecrated spirit of unity and fraternal love which manifested itself during all the sessions. One of the most significant features of all the proceedings was the earnest purpose for practical furtherance of the kingdom of God.

The sessions were largely occupied with hearing reports of the Boards entrusted with the various forms of Christian activity.

Many questions of great importance and keen interest were raised and decided upon in a most truly Christian spirit.

The retiring President, Rev. Prof. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., opened the Synod with a most appropriate sermon, laying special stress and great emphasis upon the present condition of the Church in its conflict with higher criticism.

The reports of the various Boards of the Church were very encouraging, and gave ample evidence of the advancement along all lines of our beloved Lutheran Church. The Boards of Foreign Missions and Home Missions had a very satisfactory report that marked gratifying progress in the work of the General Synod as a whole, while the Board of Church Extension and the Board of Education presented reports by far ahead of any of former years.

The appropriation for Home Missions was increased to 30 cents per member, for Board of Education to 20 cents per member, and the Deaconess Board to 8 cents per member.

Your delegates had the privilege of appearing before the Board of Education in regard to the Pacific Theological Seminary on our coast, and urged the imperative necessity of establishing a seminary very strongly before the general body.

The delegation thanks you for the honor of representing you in that great body.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GEHRCKE,
W. E. CROUSER,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Legal Status of Synod.

Your committee have investigated the matters concerning the Synod Corporation and have been unable to secure any information from the County Clerk touching this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. RINKER,
A. CORNELIUS,
DE WITT WISE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee beg leave to present the following report:

1. *Resolved*, That we most heartily endorse the Laymen's Movement, which promises to be a great help in raising the apportionment.

2. *Resolved*, That we elect one of our members a Trustee of the Tabitha Home in Lincoln, Neb., according to the recommendation of General Synod, page 34, printed Minutes.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our churches a strict and accurate revision of the roll of membership annually, and that no one be reported in the communicant list that has not observed the Lord's Supper within at least a year, unless providentially hindered.

4. WHEREAS, we believe that the Church should ever be one in sympathy, desire and purpose with Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, God guards with jealous care the two supreme facts, that of the deity of His Son and His death for the salvation of men, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to our congregations the observance of special seasons for the faithful preaching of the word, for earnest prayer and for the conversion of the unsaved.

5. *Resolved*, That a budget be made of the actual traveling expenses of the clerical members to and from the conventions of Synod, and apportioned equally among the various congregations, exempting the congregation that is entertaining the convention.

6. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church and his good wife for their generous reception of Synod, also to the choir for their assistance in the music, and to the congregation and friends for their kind and hospitable treatment of us during our stay in Santa Barbara.

7. *Resolved*, That we express our most hearty appreciation of the visit of Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and that we extend our thanks to the Board of Home Missions for their kindness in heeding the request for this missionary visit.

Resolved, That while we deplore the briefness of his stay, we urge that

more frequent visits will result in greater progress and activity in the California churches.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER,
P. W. H. FREDERICK.

Considered *seriatim*.

Adopted as a whole.

Additional Resolutions.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, deplore the printing of patent medicine advertisements in our church papers, and that we respectfully ask that they be discontinued.

Resolved, That Synod appropriate $100.00 towards the support of a pastor at Sanger, and that we endorse their application to the Home Mission Board for additional aid to the amount of $300.00

Resolved, That 5,000 pink envelopes for California Home Missions be procured and printed for the use of Synod, and that the Secretary be entrusted with this work.

Adopted.

Synodical Missionary.

WHEREAS, The Home Mission Committee has been unable to secure a suitable man to become Synodical Missionary, and

WHEREAS, The Home Mission Board discourages the Synods in electing such Synodical Missionaries; be it

Resolved, That our Home Mission Committee be relieved from the obligation of calling a man to this position at the present time.

Adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer by Mr. J. A. Bohn, to meet at 1.30 P. M.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1908, 1.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Mr. C. W. Weiser led in prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, orders were granted on the treasury in payment of the following :

Secretary	$25 00
Janitor	5 00
Treasurer	11 30

Resignation of the California Lutheran Publishing Committee.

WHEREAS, the present Publishing Committee of the *California Lutheran* having served for the past year ;

WHEREAS, the task of financing the paper for the coming year has been accomplished ;

WHEREAS, new men, methods and energy are desirable, we, the members of the Publishing Committee, hereby tender our resignation.

Resolved, That the newly appointed committee be composed of six members, three from each Conference, also that they be empowered to enlist whatever assistance may be deemed desirable in editing and managing the publication.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
G. H. HILLERMAN,
O. H. GRUVER,
A. E. DEITZ.

Adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Publishing the *California Lutheran* consist of Revs. O. H. Gruver, H. Gehrcke, J. W. Romich, P. W. H. Frederick, Mr. O. Cornelius, and Dr. G. G. Burnett.

On motion, 600 copies of the minutes of Synod were ordered printed to be distributed *pro rata* of communicant membership.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your committee present the following as having offered satisfactory excuses for their absence from Synod, and recommend that they be excused, viz., Revs. C. F. Oehler, W. Brandes, J. S. Moser, J. J. Chambers, H. S. Feix, J. Gutleben, G. R. Bird, and J. C. Pedersen ; also the following lay delegates : E. L. Patterson, C. P. Moller, Conrad Bill, John Bruns, John Isheim, J. W. Fricke, and W. F. Maxwell.

The following to be excused before Synod closes : Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., S. W. Young, Messrs. De Witt Wise and J. F. Reimer.

The following have sent us no excuse : Revs. L. C. Routzahn, E. H. Hadlock, and Lutz Horn.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GEHRCKE,
O. H. GRUVER.

Adopted.

Elections.

Revs. D. J. Snyder, P. W. H. Frederick, and Mr. A. Cornelius were appointed tellers to conduct the election.

The election resulted as follows:

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. W. L. Remsberg.

Secretary—Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Principals.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. O. H. Gruver,	G. G. Burnett, M. D.,
Rev. P. W. H. Frederick,	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.,
Rev. C. F. Oehler.	Mr. De Witt Wise.

Alternates.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg,	Mr. J. A. Bohn,
Rev. A. Jatho,	Mr. A. P. Crim,
Rev. S. W. Young.	Mr. J. F. Reimer.

Report of Committee on Instructions to the Pacific Theological Seminary Committee.

Your committee report that instructions be given as follows:

1. That they communicate with the Committee of Pacific Synod as to their answer to the proposition of last year.

2. That in future activities, the committee be left to their best judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. WEAVER,
J. E. HOICK,
W. E. CROUSER.

Adopted.

On motion, the resignation of Mr. J. A. Bohn as member of the Pacific Seminary Committee was accepted at his most urgent request.

The election of the Pacific Seminary Committee resulted as follows:

Rev. W. E. Crouser,	Mr. J. W. Fricke,
Rev. C. F. Oehler,	Mr. Fred Meckfessel,
Rev. O. H. Gruver,	Mr. A. Cornelius.
Rev. G. H. Hillerman,	

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for Rev. W. L. Remsberg, Rev. O. H. Gruver, Dr. P. S. Leisenring, Rev. H. Gehrcke, and Mr. J. A. Bohn as Trustees of California Synod.

Rev. C. F. Oehler was appointed fraternal delegate to Pacific Synod, which meets at The Dalles, Ore., June 24th, 1908.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for Mr. J. A. Bohn as Director for Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Neb.

On motion, a recess was taken until 7 p.m.

After the recess the President called upon Rev. M. F. Rinker to lead in prayer.

An invitation was extended from Fresno to meet in Wartburg Church in next Convention of Synod. The invitation was accepted.

The time for the next meeting of Synod was fixed for Wednesday evening, April 21st, 1909.

Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned, and all united in the Lord's Prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

This service was in the interest of Education. Rev. J. E. Hoick made the address on the theme, "Christian Education," from the text Isaiah liv. 13. Revs. W. L. Remsberg and G. H. Hillerman assisted in the service.

After the address on education, Rev. A. E. Deitz spoke on

"The Equipment for the Gospel Ministry," from 2 Timothy ii. 3. Mr. Charles W. Weiser presented himself for licensure and was duly authorized by the officers of Synod.

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 6, 1908.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Romich.

Report of the Examining Committee.

Your committee present the following for action of the Ministerium:

1. In the failure of Rev. A. C. Delbo to respond to the requests of Synod, we would report that our efforts continue unsuccessful. In this case we have before us the recommendation from the Southern Conference that his name be stricken from our roll of members; to this we also accede, and ask the ratification of Synod.

2. Having had before us, and examined the papers, and inquired into the work of Mr. Charles W. Weiser, your committee would recommend him for licensure by this Synod through its officers at this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HOSKINSON,
O. H. GRUVER,
J. E. HOICK.

On motion, this report was adopted and the same recommended to Synod for ratification.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned, with prayer by Rev. D. J. Snyder.

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, from April 9, 1907, to May 4, 1908.*

CONGREGATIONS.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Home Missions.	S. S. and Y. P. S. Home Missions.	Tabitha Home.	Grand Total.	Excess.	Deficit.
To balance	$3 01	$37 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 13	.....	$169 33	$79 80	.....	$291 80	.....	.....
Alamedo	.....	.....	$18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....
Elmhurst	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fresno } Sanger }	1 26	5 67	24 74	$15 75	$15 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 30	14 20	.....	80 25	.....	$54 60
Long Beach	80	3 60	7 76	5 00	13 00	$4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 16	.....	15 84
Los Angeles, First	6 30	28 35	88 20	133 75	63 00	37 80	$22 05	$3 00	22 05	$15 75	31 50	33 20	.....	484 95	58 00	.....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	86	3 87	12 04	10 75	8 60	5 16	3 01	.....	3 01	2 15	5 15	9 00	.....	63 60	85	.....
Oakland	1 90	8 55	26 60	23 75	19 00	11 40	6 65	.....	6 65	4 75	9 50	14 60	.....	133 35	.....	.....
Pasadena	1 20	5 40	16 80	15 00	12 00	7 20	4 20	1 00	4 20	3 00	6 00	7 60	.....	83 60	1 00	.....
Redlands	2 00	6 00	15 00	17 00	11 00	11 00	4 00	.....	4 00	3 00	6 00	15 00	.....	94 00	13 15	.....
Riverside	1 06	4 80	16 50	14 00	12 00	8 50	3 75	3 00	3 75	2 65	5 30	12 60	.....	87 91	9 06	.....
San Bernardino	.....	.....	5 40	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 40	.....	.....
Sacramento, English	2 60	7 15	36 40	10 50	11 15	9 34	9 10	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	96 24	.....	90 26
Sacramento, German	6 20	27 90	86 80	77 50	62 00	37 20	15 00	.....	21 70	9 03	31 00	47 00	.....	421 33	.....	13 17
Salinas	84	3 78	11 76	10 50	8 40	5 04	2 94	.....	2 94	2 10	.....	8 00	.....	56 30	.....	4 20
San Diego	1 84	8 28	25 76	48 00	18 40	11 04	6 44	.....	6 44	4 60	9 20	21 60	.....	161 60	25 00	.....
San Francisco, First	.....	.....	60 20	.....	43 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 20	.....	190 55
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	90	3 90	12 25	10 75	10 00	5 25	3 05	.....	3 05	2 15	4 30	3 00	$3 40	62 00	5 25	.....
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	64	2 88	8 96	8 00	6 40	3 84	2 24	.....	2 24	1 60	.....	.....	.....	36 80	.....	6 20
San José	1 80	8 10	25 20	22 50	18 00	10 80	6 30	.....	6 30	4 50	9 00	25 00	.....	137 50	.....	.....
Santa Barbara	80	3 60	11 20	10 00	8 00	4 80	2 80	.....	2 80	2 00	4 00	9 00	.....	59 00	.....	.....
Amount received	$34 01	$169 36	$509 57	$432 75	$342 28	$172 37	$91 53	$7 00	$91 26	$57 28	$303 58	$299 60	$3 40	$2513 99	$112 31	$374 82
Amount remitted	34 01	135 80	509 57	432 75	342 28	172 37	91 53	7 00	91 26	57 28	72 00	71 00	.....	$2016 85	.....	.....
Difference	.....	$33 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$231 58	$228 60	$3 40	$497 14	.....	.....
Apportionment excess	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Apportionment deficit	$3 01	$31 07	$15 23	$24 50	$35 05	$44 83	$35 17	.....	$35 44	$33 22	$22 04	$87 00	$3 40	.....	.....	.....

Paid Janitor at Redlands	$5 00
Paid Rev. W. E. Crouser, President's Expenses	2 75
Paid Treasurer's Traveling Expenses	6 00
Paid Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Secretary	25 00
Paid Rev. G. H. Hillerman for Book	3 75
Paid David Kerr, per Rev. G. H. Hillerman	5 00
Paid Lutheran Publication Society for printing Minutes and postage	82 30
Treasurer's Expenses	6 00

APPENDIX B.—Report of Committee on Apportionment for 1908-1909.

	Communicant Membership.	Synodical Treasury.	General Synod.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Grand Totals.
Rate per capita	....	.09	.02	.30	.25	.20	.20	.07	.08	.05	.02	.25	$1.53
Alameda, Christ	48	$4 32	$0 96	$14 40	$12 00	$9 60	$9 60	$3 36	$3 84	$2 40	$0 96	$12 00	73 44
Fresno, Wartburg	152	13 68	3 04	45 60	38 00	30 40	30 40	10 64	12 16	7 60	3 04	38 00	232 56
Long Beach, Trinity	30	2 70	60	9 00	7 50	6 00	6 00	2 10	2 40	1 50	60	7 50	45 90
Los Angeles, First	361	32 49	7 22	108 30	90 25	72 20	72 20	25 27	28 88	18 05	7 22	90 25	552 33
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	34	3 06	68	10 20	8 50	6 80	6 80	2 38	2 72	1 70	68	8 50	52 02
Oakland, First	95	8 55	1 90	28 50	23 75	19 00	19 00	6 65	7 60	4 75	1 90	23 75	145 35
Pasadena, Trinity	63	5 67	1 26	18 90	15 75	12 60	12 60	4 41	5 04	3 15	1 26	15 75	96 39
Redlands, First	67	6 03	1 34	20 10	16 75	13 40	13 40	4 69	5 36	3 35	1 34	16 75	102 51
Riverside, Trinity	55	4 95	1 10	16 50	13 75	11 00	11 00	3 85	4 40	2 75	1 10	13 75	84 15
Sacramento, First	130	11 70	2 60	39 00	32 50	26 00	26 00	9 10	10 40	6 50	2 60	32 50	198 90
Sacramento, German	332	29 88	6 64	99 60	83 00	66 40	66 40	23 24	26 56	16 60	6 64	83 00	507 96
Salinas, Our Saviour	55	4 95	1 10	16 50	13 75	11 00	11 00	3 85	4 40	2 75	1 10	13 75	84 15
Sanger, St. Paul's	74	6 66	1 48	22 20	18 50	14 80	14 80	5 18	5 92	3 70	1 48	18 50	113 22
San Bernardino, First	38	3 42	76	11 40	9 50	7 60	7 60	2 66	3 04	1 90	76	9 50	58 14
San Diego, First	99	8 91	1 98	29 70	24 75	19 80	19 80	6 93	7 92	4 95	1 98	24 75	151 47
San Francisco, First	87	7 83	1 74	26 10	21 75	17 40	17 40	6 09	6 96	4 35	1 74	21 75	133 11
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	38	3 42	76	11 40	9 50	7 60	7 60	2 66	3 04	1 90	76	9 50	58 14
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	66	5 94	1 32	19 80	16 50	13 20	13 20	4 62	5 28	3 30	1 32	16 50	100 98
San José, Grace	65	5 85	1 30	19 50	16 25	13 00	13 00	4 55	5 20	3 25	1 30	16 25	99 45
Santa Barbara, Grace	40	3 60	80	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	2 80	3 20	2 00	80	10 00	61 20
Itemized Totals	1929	$173 61	$38 58	$578 70	$482 25	$385 80	$385 80	$135 03	$154 32	$96 45	$38 58	$482 25	$2951 37

APPENDIX C.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors.	Pastorates.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses.	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
H. S. Feix	Alameda	Christ	1	..	1	..	6	...	3	...	13	...	6	9	.	48	77	132	$3000 00	$300 00	$482 00	$1617 65	1
W. J. Roehmer	Fresno	Wartburg	1	..	..	..	11	...	...	4	30	...	20	73	...	152	152	350	4000 00	1250 00	500 00	80 00	2
		St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	1	...	...	2	10	...	4	40	...	74	74	165	1500 00	500 00	.....	1000 00	3
D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	..	..	..	...	...	1	5	...	...	2	4	...	30	40	49	4500 00	2350 00	997 87	58 32	4
H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	First English	1	..	4	1	38	6	8	2	18	3	22	19	72	361	525	650	84000 00	11820 00	3940 00	400 00	5
J. W. Romich	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	..	1	..	12	...	2	10	1	...	2	6	5	34	39	53	4600 00	2000 00	305 29	587 15	6
O. H. Gruver	Oakland	First English	1	..	2	..	17	5	3	8	13	1	17	3	...	95	151	187	28000 00	8000 00	1221 55	245 00	7
G. R. Bird	Pasadena	Trinity	1	..	1	.	5	...	5	7	5	...	3	7	4	63	68	88	11000 00	2200 00	677 60	236 45	8
G. H. Hillerman	Redlands	First	1	..	2	..	3	1	7	2	8	...	4	15	1	67	76	133	7000 00	1500 00	619 78	640 00	9
A. E. Deitz	Riverside	Trinity	1	..	2	..	5	1	...	2	3	...	2	3	...	55	64	102	5200 00	.....	586 60	62 85	10
W. S. Hoskinson	Sacramento	First	1	..	2	..	10	1	3	20	8	...	7	4	13	130	220	345	18000 00	2000 00	1455 00	550 00	11
C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German	1	..	2	..	33	7	...	12	47	...	41	...	...	332	622	994	20000 00	.....	4215 00	.....	12
S. W. Young	Salinas	Our Saviour	1	..	1	..	4	...	...	...	1	...	9	4	...	55	55	77	1000 00	.....	255 60	286 00	13
P. W. H. Frederick	San Bernardino	First English	1	..	1	..	6	2	...	...	3	1	2	11	34	38	46	73	.....	.....	326 59	.....	14
J. E. Hoick	San Diego	First	1	..	2	..	8	2	3	8	4	4	9	6	1	99	115	163	20000 00	2175 00	1010 92	176 90	15
E. H. Hadlock	San Francisco	First English	1	.	..	..	14	1	...	128	21	3	15	3	...	87	318	408	60000 00	8700 00	3267 71	.....	16
H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1	..	..	..	13	1	..	...	18	...	13	10	1	66	118	158	41000 00	14500 00	786 56	*14358 15	17
A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1	..	..	..	8	2	..	...	25	...	6	...	2	38	90	151	16500 00	3850 00	284 00	†5908 30	18
W. E. Crouser	San José	Grace	1	..	2	..	9	...	1	30	3	...	1	2	3	65	125	156	20000 00	2500 00	1078 00	100 00	19
W. L. Remsberg	Santa Barbara	Grace	1	..	1	..	4	1	4	4	...	1	...	8	...	40	52	76	7000 00	3262 50	293 50	251 00	20
Totals for 1908			20	..	24	1	207	30	40	244	231	13	185	227	136	1929	3027	4510	$356300 00	$66907 50	$22303 57	$26557 77	21
Totals for 1907			20	2	23	8	143	31	26	226	151	11	112	67	115	1810	2703	4103	296600 00	44163 50	.....	.....	22
Gain			..	.	1	..	64	...	14	18	80	2	73	160	21	119	324	407	$59700 00	$22844 00	.....	.....	23
Loss			..	2	..	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	24

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	DUES. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	9	85	$23 60	$26 50	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	$23 65	$16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$65 20	$105 35	$2255 00
2	1	12	143	14 60	50 00	....	.....	.....	$1 26	$5 67	23 94	15 75	$15 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 95	641 95
3	1	3	35	.....	6 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 10	1007 10
4	1	6	15	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	80	3 60	7 76	5 00	13 00	$4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 16	1090 35
5	1	30	316	63 00	365 00	85	$120 66	$69 32	6 30	28 35	252 90	133 75	163 75	87 80	.....	$207 46	$22 05	$3 00	$22 05	$15 75	.....	249 00	1192 16	5532 16
6	1	8	72	23 62	71 80	....	.....	.....	86	3 87	26 19	10 75	8 60	5 16	.....	3 20	3 01	.....	3 01	2 15	.....	2 72	69 51	961 92
7	1	14	96	63 33	224 81	24	13 00	7 50	1 90	8 55	50 70	23 75	19 00	11 40	.....	25 98	6 65	.....	6 65	4 75	.....	165 00	324 33	1790 88
8	1	7	55	12 00	46 46	21	12 00	3 00	1 20	5 40	16 80	15 00	12 00	7 20	.....	17 00	4 20	1 00	4 20	3 00	.....	13 60	97 20	1074 71
9	1	16	86	33 80	119 38	20	61 30	8 40	2 00	6 00	36 00	17 00	11 00	11 00	.....	112 00	4 00	.....	4 00	3 00	.....	25 47	231 47	1491 25
10	1	12	70	24 20	105 54	32	24 00	6 00	1 06	4 80	34 40	14 00	12 00	8 50	.....	51 70	3 75	8 85	3 75	2 65	.....	.....	145 46	794 91
11	1	15	90	24 00	80 00	24	65 00	3 00	2 60	7 15	36 40	10 50	11 15	9 34	.....	44 00	9 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	130 24	2135 24
12	1	22	240	310 00	295 00	35	176 00	32 00	6 20	27 90	164 80	77 50	62 00	37 20	.....	208 00	15 00	.....	21 70	9 03	.....	251 00	880 14	5095 14
13	1	7	53	10 00	21 35	30	65 75	8 00	84	3 78	11 76	10 50	8 40	5 04	.....	.....	2 94	.....	2 94	2 10	.....	84 00	60 50	685 50
14	1	4	29	2 40	13 88	15	2 00	.....	.....	.....	5 40	.....	3 00	.....	.....	6 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 60	341 19
15	1	12	113	12 72	137 83	20	11 85	25 00	1 74	7 83	56 56	48 00	18 40	11 04	.....	39 70	6 44	.....	6 44	4 60	.....	10 50	211 25	1399 07
16	1	17	88	75 00	197 00	15	5 00	7 00	.....	.....	60 20	3 50	43 00	.....	.....	42 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	262 00	368 70	3679 16
17	1	6	42	.....	80 50	....	.....	.....	90	3 90	19 55	10 75	10 00	5 25	.....	30 50	3 05	.....	3 05	2 15	$3 40	.....	92 50	15356 65
18	1	4	28	3 55	34 80	....	.....	.....	64	2 88	8 96	8 00	6 40	3 84	.....	.....	2 24	.....	2 24	1 60	.....	.....	36 80	6229 90
19	1	14	125	39 80	111 83	35	75 00	20 00	1 80	8 10	59 20	22 50	18 00	10 80	.....	30 75	6 30	.....	6 30	4 50	.....	18 70	186 95	1364 95
20	1	9	40	9 00	15 00	....	.....	.....	80	3 60	24 20	10 00	8 00	4 80	.....	17 00	2 80	.....	2 80	2 00	.....	.....	76 00	635 50
21	20	227	1821	744 62	2021 68	371	631 56	189 25	30 90	131 38	926 47	452 75	443 03	222 37	.....	836 24	91 53	12 85	89 13	57 28	3 40	1157 19	4326 37	53562 53
22	20	190	1466	675 64	1780 16	322	436 97	254 20	31 94	157 00	866 66	430 95	364 80	180 84	.....	1045 30	86 62	14 00	106 95	65 68	.....	1027 61	4489 35	46185 70
23	..	37	355	68 98	241 52	49	194 59	.....	.....	.....	79 81	21 80	78 23	41 53	.....	.....	4 91	.....	.....	.....	3 40	129 58	.....	7376 83
24	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 95	1 04	25 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	209 06	.....	1 15	17 82	8 40	.....	.....	162 98	.....

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REPORT of the SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD IN GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Rev. W. L. Remsberg, Pastor),
SANTA BARBARA, CAL., May 6 and 7, 1808.

FIRST SESSION.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., MAY 6, 1908, 2.30 P. M.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California Synod gathered in the Sunday school room of Grace Lutheran Church of Santa Barbara, Rev. W. L. Remsberg, Pastor, with the President, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, of San Diego, in the chair.

The devotional service was conducted by the President.

In the absence of Mrs. W. E. Crouser, the Recording Secretary, Miss Sorenson, was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The Treasurer, Mrs. Johanson, of San Francisco, was also absent. Mrs. Frederick was elected Treasurer *pro tem.*

The credentials were then presented and roll of delegates called as follows :

San Diego—Mrs. J. E. Hoick and Mrs. W. E. Thomas (*a. e.*).

San Bernardino—Mrs. P. W. H. Frederick and Mrs. R. S. Cumming (*a. e.*).

Pasadena—Miss Anna Tenhaeff.

San Jose—Mrs. E. L. Patterson.

Riverside—Mrs. J. F. Reimer and Miss Margaret Imbauch.

Oakland—Mrs. O. H. Gruver.

Redlands—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, and Mrs. A. Swanson (*a. e.*).

Redlands, Helpers' Circle—Miss Helena Johnson.

Santa Barbara—Mrs. W. L. Remsberg, Mrs. D. H. Schauer and Esther Howell.

Los Angeles—Mrs. H. J. Weaver, Mrs. Charles Dockstader.

Los Angeles, Mission Band—Miss Emma Guckas.

Los Angeles, Young People's Secretary—Turena Sorenson.

Rules of order were read by Miss Sorenson, and the meeting formally opened by the President.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. D. H. Schauer, and responded to by Miss Guckas, of Los Angeles.

The President's address was received with marked appreciation by the audience.

President's Address.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod, Greeting.

Dear Friends : Acknowledging our dependence upon God, who has so abundantly blessed our work, we complete another chapter of our history in closing this year's records. It is with encouraging signs of progress that we assemble here. A steady growing interest and good work is manifest throughout the State. Reports from every quarter, even though not large, indicate

progress. We trust during these convention days spent here in lovely Santa Barbara, our Synodical work will shine with a new luster to every member and delegate who has laid aside her accustomed duties for a short time in order to attend this annual gathering. And shall we not receive a blessing? Have you ever attended a meeting, or engaged in missionary work without feeling benefited? A woman at one time remarked that she had been in the work seventeen years, and then she said, "That is a long portion out of one's life." A pastor to whom she made the statement replied, "You mean into your life." And is not that just what this work has done for us? Hasn't it put much, so much, *into our lives?* Has it not done infinitely more for us than we have done for the work?

A GENERAL REVIEW.

New Organizations. The women of St. Mark's, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino, now have missionary societies. We rejoice with them.

Mission Bands. If it is not possible to organize separate Bands for the young people and children, we trust that "Helpers' Circles" will be formed in the Christian Endeavor Societies and Luther Leagues of the various churches, also Cradle Rolls in the Sunday Schools. Several churches in the East have the Missionary and Sunday School Cradle Rolls together. This is a good idea, and we hope, if possible, to see it followed here.

A Contest. We congratulate the Sacramento German Society upon securing forty new members through the contest recently held by dividing the society into two parts, each endeavoring to secure the largest number of new names before another time of meeting.

Conferences. The Southern Conference met in Riverside, October 30th and 31st, 1907. The missionary meeting was held October 30th. Excellent papers were read on "Golden Opportunities to Gain Information," and "Golden Opportunities for Observation." Owing to a misunderstanding in regard to the program, no missionary meeting was held in the Northern Conference. We trust that they will report one this fall.

Decimal Column. It was decided at the Springfield Convention, "That auxiliary Treasurers in remitting money to the Synodical Treasurer be instructed to give the amount in dollars, omitting the decimal column." We have tried to put this plan in operation, but some of our Treasurers fail to do their part. Let us bear this in mind another year.

Exhibit. The California Exhibit, which was displayed at the General Convention last year, was returned and has been placed in books for preservation. The Historian will add to the collection from year to year.

A Visitor. We are disappointed at not having Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary of the Executive Committee, with us at this time. Plans for her trip to the coast were all completed, when she decided to postpone her visitation of the churches and societies until the early part of next year.

FINANCES.

Words of appreciation can justly be bestowed upon the auxiliaries for the commendable progress made in the contributions. It will only be a short time before we shall be able to raise $1,000.00 for missionary purposes. Can we not make that the goal for this coming year?

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Seven new names have been added to our list this past year making a total enrollment of twenty-one. It is very encouraging to note the interest taken in life membership.

IN MEMORIAM.

On the morning of October 16th, 1907, at San Luis Obispo, Mrs. S. E. B. Myers departed this life, aged seventy-nine years. Thus closed a useful and active career, one spent in loving Christian service for her Master. To Mrs. Myers was given the privilege and the honor of organizing the first missionary societies of our State, also our Synodical Society. Our first leader and President has gone to her reward, but the memory of the interest and enthusiasm she ever manifested in our California work will never be forgotten by those of us who were privileged to know her.

Mrs. A. E. Deitz, of Riverside, was called away to the realms beyond, December 18th, 1907, and another vacancy was created among our workers. Appropriate papers giving a sketch of the lives of these sisters have been prepared and will be read at the Memorial Service, Thursday afternoon.

MAGAZINE.

Lutheran Woman's Work, which made its appearance the first of the year, is a magazine of which we may all be justly proud. But we must not be content to read and study it alone, we must endeavor to interest all our women. And why should we not address ourselves to this duty with a hearty enthusiasm? It might be our good fortune to secure the banner for having the most subscribers for the number of members in the Synodical Society. We are confident that the pastors' wives appreciate the gift of the magazine from Eastern friends. Our California items will appear in the April, August and December numbers, and if at any time items pertaining to the work can be forwarded from the various societies to me, they will be gratefully received and inserted among the notes. The first copies of the magazine can no longer be secured for subscription lists.

CONCLUSION.

Every age and emergency has had the men needed for the age and the emergency, and what is true of man is true of woman also. She may not

have been so conspicuous a figure, but she is none the less important. When Samuel's mother consecrated her boy to the service of Jehovah, had she no part in determining the destiny of Israel? When the mother and grandmother instructed young Timothy in the Scriptures, did they have no part in the establishment of the apostolic church? When Mary and Martha made a home for the Saviour, a place where He could lay His head, did they not perform an important part? In our day many a ruler and statesman, preacher and evangelist has attributed much of his success and greatness to the early teachings and Christian influences of his mother. Of every woman mentioned it might be said, as of Esther, "Thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this." The breadth of woman's influence is widening, her field is constantly enlarging. But the most important part in the field of woman's activity is the evangelization of the world. It is the highest service she can enter into. There is nothing that will yield greater joy or larger returns.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK.

The following reports were given:

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Miss Sorenson. (See page 46.)

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mrs. Reimer. (See pages 47 and 48.)

The report of the Thank-offering Secretary was read by Mrs. Hillerman.

The report of the Historian was read by Mrs. Reimer.

The report of the Young People's Secretary was read by Miss Sorenson.

The President then appointed the following committees:

Auditing—Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Dockstader.

Resolutions—Mrs. Hillerman and Mrs. Gruver.

Letters, Greetings and Papers—Mrs. Frederick and Mrs. Patterson.

Corresponding Secretary's, Young People's Secretary's and Literature Committee's Reports—Mrs. Remsberg and Mrs. Howell.

Reporter for Church Papers—Mrs. Reimer.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the W. H. and F. M. S., ending March 31st, 1908.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Name and Address of Corresponding Secretary.	Membership. Total, not including Life Members.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	The King's Message.
Santa Barbara	1907	Mrs. D. H. Schauer, 1121 Bath Street	8	7	1	....	....	6	35
Redlands	1905	Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, 44 La Verne Street	26	19	5	....	8	12	....
San Bernardino	1907	Mrs. O. J. Valentine, 666 Fifth Street	18	18	....	....	....	3	....
Pasadena	1904	Miss C. H. Tenhaeff, 411 S. Fair Oaks Avenue	16	12	4	....	....	2	....
Oakland	1895	Mrs. G. Saxton, 652 54th Street	16	14	1	1	1	13	50
Los Angeles	1887	Mrs. H. Trautwein, 483 Hartford Avenue	33	33	....	....	3	25	....
San Diego	1893	Miss Laura Yost, 1031 22d Street	22	22	....	..	2	13	....
Riverside	1897	Miss E. Danielson, 163 S. Madison Street	23	17	6	....	1	6	....
San José	1892	Mrs. E. L. Patterson, 322 N. 7th Street	18	15	1	2	....	6	....
San Francisco, English	1881	Mrs. H. Jensen, 516 Cole Street	20	17	3	....	....	6	....
San Francisco, German	1895	Miss Bertha Küner, 476 Page Street	38	38	....	....	....	6	....
Sacramento, English	1892	Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, 1415 18th Street	15	12	2	....	2	10	....
Sacramento, German	1892	Mrs. J. Ochsner, 1400 K Street	122	100	14	8	2	10	....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1908	Mrs. M. W. Furhman, 1339 W. 37th Street	16	16	....	....	....	7	....
Young People's Societies.									
Y. P. S. C. E. Auxiliary, Sacramento, German	....	Miss Freda Köhler, 1820 E St.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Young Ladies' Mission Band.									
Los Angeles	....		....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals									

Treasurer's Report of W. H. and F. M. Society of California for 1907-1908.

Societies.	Quarter Ending June 30, 1907.		Quarter Ending September 30, 1907.					Quarter Ending December 31, 1907.			Quarter Ending March 31, 1908.					
	General Fund.	School for Caste Girls.	General Fund.	South Omaha Mission.	India Hospital Bed.	Never-Spend-a-Penny Band Fund.	Bible Training and Converts' Home.	General Fund.	Thank-Offering.	Barnitz Memorial Fund.	General Fund.	Life Membership.	Long Beach Mission.	India Nursery Fund.	Synodical Fund.	Total.
Balance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$85 55	$85 55
Los Angeles	$8 00	$3 00	$5 00	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	$9 00	$50 00	$31 00	$12 00	$10 00	$10 00	.....	5 00	148 00
Los Angeles (A. F. C. Mission Band)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 90	7 50	3 00	3 50	.....	.....	$5 00	.....	29 90
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 40	.....	.....	.....	80	3 20
Oakland	2 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	8 95	5 00	2 55	.....	.....	.....	2 25	25 65
Pasadena	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	$1 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	17 00
Redlands	3 35	.....	3 00	5 00	5 65	.....	.....	4 00	55 00	5 00	6 00	20 00	.....	.....	5 00	112 00
Redlands (Helpers' Circle of Luther League)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50
Riverside	4 00	.....	4 00	4 60	5 00	.....	.....	3 00	16 00	3 00	4 00	.....	3 60	.....	4 50	51 70
Sacramento (English)	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	2 00	14 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	3 00	.....	3 00	44 00
Sacramento (German)	18 00	.....	18 00	12 00	12 00	.....	.....	18 00	18 00	5 00	20 00	10 00	12 00	.....	15 00	158 00
Sacramento (German C. E.)	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
San Bernardino	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	4 80	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 30
Santa Barbara	3 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	$2 00	2 00	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	17 00
San Diego	2 00	.....	2 95	2 20	4 00	.....	.....	2 00	17 00	.....	2 00	10 00	2 00	.....	2 00	46 15
San Francisco (English)	2 10	.....	1 20	1 60	.....	.....	.....	2 40	21 80	.....	10 65	.....	.....	.....	3 00	42 75
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	5 50	29 50
San José	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	4 00	11 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	30 00
Amount received	$55 45	$3 00	$56 15	$31 40	$32 65	$1 00	$2 00	$67 80	$227 05	862 00	$86 50	$60 00	$31 60	$5 00	$139 60	$861 20
Amount remitted	55 45	3 00	56 15	31 40	32 65	1 00	2 00	67 80	227 05	62 00	86 50	60 00	31 60	5 00	.....	721 60
Amount in Treasury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$139 60	$139 60

EXPENSES.

President	$4 60
President, for Material for Missionary Exhibit	3 50
President's Traveling Expenses to General Convention	70 00
Corresponding Secretary	2 50
Treasurer	4 00
Programs	5 00
General Literature Committee	92
Corresponding Secretary's Book	1 50
Total	$92 02

RECEIPTS.

Amount in Treasury	$139 60
Offerings at Convention	15 00
	$154 60
Less Expenses	92 02
Amount in Treasury	$62 58

Respectfully submitted, MRS. E. JOHANSEN,
Treasurer.

Offering was $2.15.

Meeting adjourned, with missionary benediction.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

Mrs. Hoick presiding. Mrs. Hillerman read the Scriptures. Rev. Remsberg led in prayer.

Dr. L. P. Ludden, the Western Home Mission Secretary, gave the address.

The offering of the evening was $5.35.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 9.30 A. M.

Mrs. Hoick in the chair.

Miss Guckas led the devotional service.

Dr. Ludden brought greetings from Mrs. Shaffer and from the Executive Committee, answered questions, etc. Much interest was created for needy fields.

Reports from the auxiliaries were then called for.

Los Angeles—Sent a good report, which was read by the President, Mrs. Weaver.

Los Angeles Mission Band—Also sent report, which was read by its President, Miss Guckas.

Oakland—Sent good report, which was read by Mrs. Gruver.

Pasadena—Miss Tenhaeff gave a verbal report.

Redlands—Sent good report, which was read by Miss Johnson. She also read report of "Helpers' Circle," Redlands.

Riverside—Sent good report, read by Miss Imbauch.

San Jose—Mrs. Patterson gave a verbal report.

San Bernardino—Sent a good report, which was read by Mrs. Frederick.

The other societies sent no reports.

An interesting report of the Biennial Convention, held in Philadelphia, was given by Mrs. Hoick, our delegate to the meeting.

The offering amounted to $1.25.

Meeting adjourned, with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2.00 P. M.

A memorial service was held in honor of two of our workers who have died during the year—Mrs. Bittle-Myers, and Mrs. A. E. Deitz. Mrs. Gruver read a tribute to Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers, our first President.

Mrs. Susan Eustis Bittle-Myers.

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT.

The subject of this tribute passed from life on earth to life in heaven on October 16th, 1907, at 9.00 o'clock A. M. She was living in San Luis Obispo, near her niece, when the end came. There she had gone in December of 1906 in search of climate that would be less rigorous. In September, 1907, she was taken down with pneumonia, and never recovered. Her age was almost seventy-nine years. Then closed the life of an active and useful woman in the work of the Lutheran Church.

She was born in Massachusetts, and her father was Rev. Jonathan Bigelow. At Mt. Holyoke, Mass., she received her academic education. She graduated there at the age of sixteen, and then entered Dr. Lyman Beecher's newly-established college at Cincinnati, Ohio, as musical instructor. A few years later, at eighteen years of age, she married Rev. David H. Bittle, then a young Lutheran minister, just graduated from Gettysburg Seminary, and with him assumed the labors and privations of a pioneer Home Missionary in the then sparsely settled regions of Indiana and Illinois. Later, she and her husband went to Salem and New Lisbon, Ohio. Here Mrs. Myers established schools for young ladies and taught with good success as principal.

In the early fifties Rev. Bittle became professor at Roanoke College, in Virginia. Here, again, Mrs. Myers conducted a large female school. This she did wherever she went, for she was a born teacher. The great hindrance to the continuance of this work was the breaking out of the Civil War.

Homeless and almost penniless they fled to Texas, and remained there during the great struggle, and while there she established a young ladies' school near Houston. After the war Rev. Bittle was called to the presidency of Roanoke College, which work he relinquished to become pastor at Savannah, Ga. There it was that Dr. Bittle was stricken down with heart disease in 1871, and Mrs. Bittle was left alone.

In the same year she came to California, where she met Rev. Abram Myers, a Lutheran minister from Oregon, whom she afterwards married and whose children she reared. They lived on a fruit ranch in Shasta County until the death of Mr. Myers in 1889. Then she went to San Diego, where she taught privately, for some years, in the family of General Grant. Later, she moved to San Francisco, to make that her home.

Mrs. Myers helped in much of the pioneer work of establishing the English Lutheran Church in California. She was one of the organizers of the First Church, both in San Francisco and in Oakland. Her work among the missionary societies made her the first person thought of for President of the Synodical Society. This position she held for three years. Afterwards she was elected Historian, which position she held ten years, when she asked to be relieved because of failing health and eyesight. She was a member of the Oakland Church to the hour of her death.

Mrs. Myers was a gifted authoress, a fine musician and vocalist, an accomplished artist and a gifted botanist. She was a good woman, desirous of doing the best she could under all circumstances. We can but feel that the California Missionary Society has lost an active member and a most excellent worker. We feel deep regret at her loss, and the advice in the government of our affairs, which she was so free to offer. She has heard, 'ere this, the "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Mrs. Reimer read a memorial sketch of Mrs. A. E. Deitz.

Mrs Reimer led in prayer.

Mrs. Weaver read a paper entitled "A Review of Gloria Christi," prepared by Mrs. E. W. Sax, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Hillerman read a paper on "The Best Method of Securing Missionary Contributions," written by Mrs. A. Niemeyer.

Reports of Committees.

President's Address.—Your committee to whom was referred the President's report beg leave to submit the following: We find the report full of cheering intelligence concerning the work of the past year, especially the organization of two societies, and the good financial condition of the organization. We are glad to note seven new members on our "life membership" list. We also call attention to our new magazine, *Lutheran Woman's Work*, and her appeal that we interest more women in the reading and study of the same.

We recommend that we extend Mrs. Hoick, our President, a rising vote of thanks for her faithful and efficient services during the past five years.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. REIMER,
MISS EMMA GUCKAS.

Letters, Greetings, Papers.—Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary of our Woman's Executive Committee, sent greetings by Dr. Ludden, since she was not able to be present as had been previously arranged. The mention of one so interested in the work of California lent a note of cheer to our meeting.

The tribute to Mrs. S. B. Myers, by Mrs. Gruver, was interesting and appropriate. The history of this our first President ought to be an inspiration to us.

The memorial to Mrs. A. E. Deitz, by Mrs. Reimer, impressed us once more with the suddenness of the removal of one so greatly needed in our work.

The "Review of Gloria Christi" was interesting and instructive, and we should be grateful to Mrs. Sax for the care and interest displayed in preparing this paper, which was filled with practical as well as the spiritual work of a missionary's life.

The paper by Mrs. Niemeyer, read by Mrs. Hillerman, should satisfy us that the best method of securing missionary contributions is by free-will offerings. If we would receive the benefit to be derived from our giving, we should all adopt this as our only method.

"The Result of Faithful Work," by Mrs. Stuber, should be a reminder of the importance of each in her place attending to little things, if we would accomplish the great things as a body.

The Thank-offering Secretary reported $227.05. An increase of $24.51 over last year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. FREDERICK,
MRS. PATTERSON.

Corresponding Secretary, Young People's Secretary, and Literature Committee.—We noted with appreciation the excellent work of these officers and committee, and would recommend that thanks be returned them for their faithful work.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. REMSBERG,
MRS. HOWELL.

The *Auditing Committee* submits the following report: We find everything correct excepting that the conference collection at Riverside, of $3.55, was credited to the Synodical fund of the Riverside Society. We have made the necessary corrections.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. WEAVER,
MRS. DOCKSTADER.

Resolutions.—The committee on resolutions submits the following:

WHEREAS, God has abundantly blessed our work, permitted so large and substantial growth along all lines of regular work, we unite in heartfelt praise to His great name.

2. *Resolved*, That rejoicing over the increase of financial receipts during the past year, and our higher aim for the future, we, as missionary societies, work with renewed energy and diligence for a like gain in membership. A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation of our California Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That while we deeply mourn the loss of Mrs. S. B. Myers and Mrs. A. E. Deitz, and others who have been called to the great beyond, we endeavor to fill their places with new members.

4. *Resolved*, That we pledge our loyal support to the new magazine, *Woman's Work*, in every way possible, and use our utmost endeavor to create an interest and to secure subscriptions in our home societies.

5. *Resolved*, That owing to the importance of the work among young people and children, and the fact that the future of our missionary endeavor depends upon them, that increasing attention be given them, and the efforts for more helps, especially in their literature, be heartily endorsed.

6. *Resolved*, That our sincere thanks be tendered to the pastor and people of Grace Lutheran Church, of Santa Barbara, for the hospitality and courtesy extended us at this convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. GRUVER,
MRS. HILLERMAN.

A motion was passed to send twenty-five cents extra to the Synodical fund, in place of sending it to the Literature Committee.

A resolution was passed to urge the starting of a fund to pay the fare of delegates to the biennial conventions of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and unanimously accepted. (See page 40.)

Bills to the amount of $22.35 were presented and ordered paid.

The minutes were then read and accepted.

After a season of prayer, the convention adjourned.

TURENA SORENSON,
Secretary pro tem.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Unitea States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
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13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San José	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21

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Rev. J. E. HOICK, Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN, Rev. W. E. CROUSER.

HISTORICAL RECORDS.

Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN, Rev. O. H. GRUVER.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. W. R. SWICKARD, Rev. H. S. FEIX, Rev. J. W. ROMICH.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—San Francisco, Cal., St. Matthew's Church.
Time—April 5th, 1910, at 2 o'clock P. M.

PROGRAM FOR SYNOD, 1910.

(*Alternates in Parentheses.*)

Half-hour Devotional Services each morning.

Exposition of Sermon on the Mount.—REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, SC. D., D. D. (REV. W. E. CROUSER.)

Tuesday Evening. Synodical Communion.

Sermon by REV. O. H. GRUVER. (REV. J. W. BALL, PH. D.)

Wednesday Afternoon. The Lord's Day.

Paper by REV. S. W. YOUNG. (REV. W. R. SWICKARD.)

Wednesday Evening. Missionary Service.

In charge of the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Thursday Afternoon. Article XI. Augsburg Confession.

Paper by REV. H. J. WEAVER. (REV. J. W. ROMICH.)

Thursday Evening. Missions in the Bay Cities.

Address, "Our Opportunities," by REV. H. S. FEIX. (DR. G. G. BURNETT.)

Address, "Our Hindrances," by REV. A. JATHO. (MR. J. C. FROHLIGER.)

Address, "Our Obligations," by REV. J. E. HOICK. (MR. J. A. BOHN.)

Friday Afternoon. Catechisation and Evangelization.

Paper by REV. G. H. HILLERMAN. (REV. J. J. CHAMBERS.)

Friday Evening. Christian Education.

Address by Secretary Board of Education. (REV. J. A. B. SCHERER, PH. D., LL. D.)

Sunday Morning. Morning Worship.

Sermon by REV. C. F. OEHLER. (REV. W. J. ROEHMER.)

Sunday Evening. Evening Worship.

Sermon by REV. H. J. WEAVER. (REV. D. J. SNYDER.)

Trustees of California Synod.

REV. O. H. GRUVER,
REV. J. W. BALL, PH. D.,
P. S. LEISENRING, M. D.,
MR. H. A. GETZ,
MR. A. CORNELIUS.

PROCEEDINGS of the NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN WARTBURG EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
(Rev. W. J. Roehmer, Pastor),
FRESNO, CAL., April 21 to 24, 1909.

FRESNO, CAL., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1909.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met in Wartburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wednesday, April 21st, 1909, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The synodical sermom was preached by Rev. O. H. Gruver, Secretary of the Synod, who was also acting President, owing to the removal of President Rev. W. L. Remsberg from the territory of the Synod during the year. The text was 2 Chron. xv. 7, and the theme "Faithfulness rewarded."

Rev. Adolph Jatho preached the German sermon and assisted acting-President Gruver in conducting the Synodical Communion.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1909, 9 A. M.

The half-hour devotional service included an exposition of Acts i. 1-11, and was conducted by Rev. William E. Crouser.

Synod was called to order at 9.30 A. M. by acting-President Rev. O. H. Gruver. Rev. D. J. Snyder was appointed Secretary *pro tempore.*

The roll of pastors was called and the credentials of delegates received and their names enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Name of Delegate.
1	Silas W. Young	1868	1903	Salinas, 230 Riker St.	Salinas, Our Saviour	Myron Hestorff, *a. e.*
2	John Gutleben	1870	1905	Sanger, Cal.	Sanger, St. Paul's	John Heintz.
3	Jacob C. Moser, *a. e.*	1877	1892	Washington, D. C., 1107 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.		
4	Winfield S. Hoskinson, D. D.	1879	1891	Sacramento, 1415 18th St.	Sacramento, First	Fied. Meckfessel, *a. e.*
5	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	Alameda, 1030 Santa Clara Ave.	Alameda, Christ	John Kline, *a. e.*
6	J. C. Pedersen, *a. e.*	1881	1906	Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Africa.		
7	L. C. Routzahn, *a.*	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande.		
8	Michael F. Rinker, *a. e.*	1885	1908	Los Angeles, General Delivery.		
9	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1322 Adeline St.		
10	Charles F. Oehler	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1207 K St.	San Francisco, St. Andrew's.	Conrad Schneider.
11	William Brandes, *a. e.*	1889	1896	Alameda, 1120 Grand St.	Sacramento, German	James Popert, *a. e.*
12	James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., *a. e.*	1891	1908	Pasadena, 500 Del Rosa Drive.		
13	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1893	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	San Francisco, St. Matthew's.	P. Boehme, *a. e.*
14	Oscar H. Gruver	1892	1904	Oakland, 642 18th St.	Oakland, First English	J. A. Bohn.
15	William R. Swickard	1893	1908	Berkeley, 2123 Parker St.		
16	John E. Hoick	1894	1898	San José	San José, Grace	Edward Peterson, *a. e.*
17	Herbert J. Weaver	1894	1900	Los Angeles, 1241 W. 9th St.	Los Angeles, First English	H. A. Getz.
18	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1170 W. 36th Place	Los Angeles, St. Mark's	Theo. M. Mieding, *a. e.*
19	Julius W. Romich, *a. e.*	1895	1907	Ontario, Cal., R. F. D., Box 74.		
20	George H. Hillerman	1896	1896	Redlands, 44 La Verne St.	Redlands, First	A. Cornelius.
21	William J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno, 725 E St.	Fresno, Wartburg	August Fries.
22	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Alpaugh	Alpaugh, First	D. H. Horner, *a. e.*
23	William E. Crouser	1898	1902	San Francisco, 1375 Geary St.	San Francisco, First	J. W. Fricke, *a. e.*
24	Lutz Horn, *a.*	1898	1904	Switzerland.		
25	Paul W. H. Frederick	1900	1903	San Bernardino, 746 8th St.	San Bernardino, First English	W. F. Maxwell, *a. e.*
26	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 121 Locust Ave.	Long Beach, Trinity.	
27	Charles W. Weiser	1908	1908	Pasadena, 419 N. Raymond Ave.	Pasadena, Trinity	D. H. Nyce, *a. e.*
	Vacant			Riverside, 775 W. 9th St.	Riverside, Trinity	J. F. Reimer, *a. e.*
	Vacant				Santa Barbara, Grace.	
	Vacant				San Diego, First	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

a. Absent. *e.* Excused.

Rev. Emil Meyer, of San José, was received as fraternal delegate from the Pacific Synod (G. C.).

On motion, Revs. A. J. Hesson and J. K. Reed were accorded the privileges of Synod as advisory members.

The President's annual report was read, as follows:

President's Report.

BRETHREN OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA:

GREETING: For the second time during my connection with this Synod I am called upon to act the part of both Secretary and President because of the absence or removal of the latter from the State. I have conscientiously performed my duties as best I could under the circumstances, and I now submit to you assembled in this Nineteenth Annual Convention a summary of the official acts of the Synodical year.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg, President of Synod, forwarded his report to me in August, 1908, containing this preamble: "In view of the fact that I have been called to a pastorate within the bounds of another Synod, it becomes my duty to resign as President of this Synod, my resignation to take effect at the time of my departure from my present charge, August 31st, 1908. This I do with great regret and the humble prayer that God may abundantly bless the Synod in its arduous work on this coast. I thank the brethren of Synod for the honor and confidence conferred upon me, and devoutly pray that God may endue my successor with wise counsel and the Synod with efficiency and success."

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. A. E. Deitz resigned Trinity Church, Riverside, to take effect June 30th, 1908.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg resigned Grace Church, Santa Barbara, to take effect August 31st, 1908.

Rev. J. W. Romich resigned St. Mark's Church, Los Angeles, to take effect October 31st, 1908.

Rev. J. E. Hoick resigned the First Church, San Diego, to take effect March 28th, 1909.

Rev. W. E. Crouser resigned Grace Church, San José, to take effect March 31st, 1909.

DISMISSALS.

Rev. A. E. Deitz was transferred by letter to Nebraska Synod June 29th, 1908. He has been received.

Rev. W. L. Remsberg was granted a letter of dismissal to Maryland Synod September 1st, 1908. He has been received.

Rev. G. R. Bird was given a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Los Angeles of the California Synod of the Presbyterian Church in United States of America September 3d, 1908. He has been received.

Rev. E. H. Hadlock, Ph. D., was informed that his name was canceled from the roll of California Synod November 14th, 1908. He expressed himself as satisfied.

ADMISSIONS.

Rev. William R. Swickard from Pittsburgh Synod (G. C.) June 15th, 1908. His name has been enrolled.

Rev. James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., from the Synod of South Carolina October 13th, 1908. His name has been enrolled.

Rev. Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D., from Nebraska Synod, December 28th, 1908. His name has been enrolled.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. C. W. Weiser, a licentiate of this Synod, accepted a call to Trinity Church, Pasadena. His pastorate began September 1st, 1908.

Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., accepted a call to St. Mark's Church, Los Angeles. He began his labors November 29th, 1908.

Rev. J. Gutleben accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, Sanger. His services began January 1st, 1909.

Rev. J. E. Hoick accepted a call to Grace Church, San José. He entered upon the pastorate April 4th, 1909.

Rev. W. E. Crouser accepted a call to the First Church, San Francisco. He took up the work April 11th, 1909.

Rev. W. R. Swickard accepted a call to the First Church, San Francisco, to become acting pastor October 1st, 1908, for six months.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. C. W. Weiser was inducted into the office of pastor of Trinity Church, Pasadena, Thursday evening, November 5th, 1908. Rev. H. J. Weaver gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. D. J. Snyder to the congregation.

Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., was installed pastor of St. Mark's Church, Los Angeles, Sunday morning, February 7th, 1909. Rev. J. A. B. Scherer. Ph. D., LL. D., preached the sermon and conducted the service.

CORNER-STONE.

Our Saviour's Church, Salinas, laid the corner-stone of its new church building with appropriate services May 31st, 1908. Rev. W. E. Crouser preached the sermon, and the pastor, Rev. S. W. Young, conducted the services.

DEDICATIONS.

St. Paul's Church, Sanger, was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God October 11th, 1908. Rev. J. Gutleben preached in German, and Rev. W. E. Crouser in English. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Roehmer, conducted the dedicatory service.

Our Saviour's Church, Salinas, was set apart for divine service November

1st, 1908. Rev. W. E. Crouser preached the dedicatory sermon, and the pastor, Rev. S. W. Young, consecrated the church.

The First Church, Redlands, was consecrated to use for the worship of Jehovah, January 24th, 1909. Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., preached the sermon, and the pastor, Rev. G. H. Hillerman, dedicated the church free of debt.

CHURCH LOT.

The First Church, San Bernardino, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, pastor, purchased a church lot in February of this year, the purchase price being $2,000.00. It is centrally located and well adapted for the church's needs.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Street improvement in front of our churches has been pretty general throughout the Synod.

San José and Sanger each installed new organs.

San Francisco, St. Matthew's, placed a beautiful altar window.

San Francisco, St. Andrew's, added new chairs and altar decorations.

Pasadena built a choir stall and added a lecturn and altar cloths.

Fresno built a new fence and made other improvements, and painted church.

Sacramento, First, painted their church building.

Redlands, First, Sunday school library and book case, and hitching rack on the lot.

Los Angeles, St. Mark's, beautified their surrounding lawn and pulpit chairs.

Sacramento, German, added $4,000.00 to their building fund.

Los Angeles, First Church, electric fixtures.

VACANCIES.

At present Riverside, San Diego and Santa Barbara are without regular pastors. The last has no stated supply.

NEW CONGREGATION.

A new congregation was organized at Alpaugh, October 29th, 1908, with twenty-one charter members, who elected Rev. J. J. Chambers their pastor. This congregation makes application for admission into this Synod at this session. The application is referred to the Committee on Letters and Papers.

PORTABLE CHAPEL.

The Synod having authorized the purchase of a portable chapel, and no special committee having been appointed, the President instructed the Church Extension Committee of Synod to take under advisement the purchase of such a chapel, and for the sake of wiser counsel, Revs. H. J. Weaver and D. J. Snyder were added to the committee for this specific object. The committee met in Los Angeles June 15th, 1908, and again July 6th; they consulted sev-

eral builders and looked at a few samples, but finding none satisfactory at the price stipulated by Synod, and there being no immediate demand, it was finally decided to defer the matter.

ORDINATION.

Rev. Charles W. Weiser, our licentiate, will apply for ordination by this Synod.

OFFICIAL VISIT.

Synod was favored with a twenty-day tour of our churches in January and February by Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, respectively President and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee on Resolutions will make proper recognition of this first official visit.

SPECIAL FUND.

A letter received from Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, mailed March 16, 1909, contained the following: "A special fund of $300.00 has been paid into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions, through the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, for initial work in and around San Francisco. This fund is to be paid into the treasury of the California Synod, to be used by the Home Mission Committee of the Synod for this special field. By initial work is meant expenses of canvassing, hall, etc., until the mission or missions are ready to be assumed by the Board of Home Missions and Woman's Society."

EXPENSES.

The following expenses were incurred by the President, resigned, in the discharge of his duties, for which an order is asked:

Printing and letter heads	$1 00
Stamped envelopes, three packs	1 62
Traveling expenses on account of chapel	4 50
Total	$7 12

MISCELLANIES.

Synodical Year.—The change of the time of the close of the Synodical year has been an unfortunate one, for two reasons. First, because of the confirmation column in the parochial reports. Secondly, because the time lapse between the close of the Synodical year and the meeting of Synod varies so greatly. There is an easy solution of the difficulty by placing the meeting of Synod on the third Tuesday evening after Easter, and the close of the Synodical year on the first Saturday evening after Easter. It might be well to instruct the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution to incorporate this in their report.

Executive Committee.—Such a committee seems desirable at critical times. When the President of Synod becomes disqualified for his duties because of death, or resignation, or removal, or otherwise, let the other officers of Synod

and the chairman of the standing committees act as an Executive Committee to fill the vacancy by appointment, until the time of the next regular election by Synod. This is referred, too, to the Constitution Committee.

Archivarium.—Up to this time the Secretary has been in possession of the documents belonging to Synod. He has had no regular receptacle for them. Nor does he have all the documents that are important. Complete files of the printed Minutes ought to be in his hands. Also complete files of the *California Lutheran*, the *Western Lutheran*, the *Golden Gate Lutheran*, *Der Lutherische Friedens-bote*, and other publications more or less representative of our California Synod. The first volume of the protocol should be placed among these for safe keeping, and also the papers of incorporation. Some of the books of the Treasurer, too, could find a proper lodgment there. In short, all that can in any way throw light on the history of Lutheranism in California should be collected and placed in the archivarium. Such a collection has been started by the Secretary and lodged in a trunk in the First Church in Oakland. It needs supplementing and completing. If Synod would endorse the project and appoint an Archivist, it would be comparatively easy to complete and preserve these documents, which would be impossible of obtaining in the not distant future. It might be hard now to get a complete set of the *Golden Gate Lutheran.* And it is known that there are only a few copies of the printed Minutes of 1894 that can yet be obtained. Pastors should help to collect and preserve these papers, and place them in the archivarium for future generations and for the future Historian of California Synod and Lutheranism in this State.

CONCLUSION.

I now give back to you the responsibility that fell to me as Secretary, and I do so with considerable relief. With my other duties in Synod this duty has been somewhat of a burden. I thank the brethren for their kindness and readiness to help me bear it, and I crave your forgiveness of my mistakes.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

The Synod then proceeded to an election of officers for this convention.

Officers for This Convention.

Rev. O. H. Gruver was elected President.

Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., was elected Secretary.

Reception of letters and papers.

The Treasurer presented his report.

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix A.)

Reports were received from the following officers and Standing Committees of Synod, the time for their consideration to be

fixed later in the sessions: the Statistical Secretary, the Home Mission Committee, the Church Extension Committee and the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, it was determined to consider the reports in the order in which they were presented, beginning after the opening of the afternoon session.

The hours for the business sessions were fixed as follows: 8.30 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

The President appointed the following committees:

Committees of California Synod, 1909.

President's Report—Rev. H. Gehrcke, Rev. H. S. Feix.

Letters and Papers—Rev. A. Jatho, Rev. J. Gutleben.

Absence and Excuse—Rev. S. W. Young, Rev. D. J. Snyder.

Vacant Congregations—Rev. C. F. Oehler, Rev. W. J. Roehmer, Mr. J. A. Bohn.

Minutes of Conferences—Rev. W. R. Swickard, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

Minutes of Other Synods—Rev. H. J. Weaver, Rev. J. J. Chambers.

Auditing Treasurer's Books—Mr. H. A. Getz, Mr. J. A. Bohn.

Auditing California Lutheran Accounts—Mr. C. Schneider, Mr. A. Cornelius.

Resolutions—Rev. J. W. Ball, Rev. C. F. Oehler, Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

Budget of Traveling Expenses—Rev. J. E. Hoick, Rev. C. W. Weiser.

Reporters—*Observer*, Rev. W. S. Hoskinson; *World*, Rev. J. E. Hoick; *Evangelist*, Rev. J. J. Chambers; *Zionsbote*, Rev. H. Gehrcke; *California Lutheran*, the Editor; *City Press*, the Secretary.

The following reports were then presented in order:

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report:

Your committee have examined the protocol and find it well written and accurately kept and indexed.

In the printed minutes we note the following corrections to be made :

On page 7, in "Admissions," Rev. J. W. Romick, from the Colorado Synod, should be from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

On page 39 the figures on total benevolence should be put in column for local objects, and that for local objects in the column for benevolence.

Respectfully submitted, P. W. H. FREDERICK,
S. W. YOUNG.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Historical Records.

Your Committee on Historical Records respectfully report that nothing has been done, owing to the fact that it was a physical impossibility for either member of the committee to do the work in addition to the extra Synodical duties awaiting attention.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Adopted.

The report of the Publication Committee of the *California Lutheran* was presented to Synod, the time set for its consideration to follow that of the report on the State of the Church.

Report of the Examining Committee.

Your Committee on Examination to the Ministry would report that we hold the application of C. W. Weiser for ordination at this meeting of Synod. We ask for a meeting of the Ministerium to consider this application.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. HOSKINSON,
J. E. HOICK,
CHARLES F. OEHLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church Blanks.

Your committee would report that blanks were prepared, printed and distributed. The bill for the printing, including the printing of the credential blanks, is $10.50, for which an order is asked, made payable to Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
W. E. CROUSER,
J. E. HOICK.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Emil Meyer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Hesson.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of the minutes.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was taken up for consideration item by item and adopted as amended.

Report of the Statistical Secretary.

The Statistical Secretary would urge two things on the pastors of Synod in the matter of the parochial reports:

(1) Greater promptness in sending the reports to the Secretary. One delay ties up the entire report, and makes impossible any compilation whatever, provided all are to be included in the report to Synod.

(2) More careful attention to the printed foot-notes. It is surprising what blunders are sometimes made by the pastors.

To call your attention to a few of the more important items in the totals of the parochial report:

The number of churches remains the same as last year.

There have not been as many losses from the membership as last year, nor as many accessions, so that the communicant membership is practically the same as last report, being only 2 less. There have, however, been 6 less adult baptisms, 115 less confirmations, 71 fewer received by certificate, and 48 less by restoration; still the confirmed column shows a gain of 139, and the baptized of 305.

The value of church property has increased $14,200.00, the greater portion of it by increased valuation of property: one property is set down at $250.00 less than last year, and one at $5,000.00 more. The total indebtedness has decreased $2,147.37, two churches appearing with blanks in this column for the first time, and two new debts having been assumed. The churches have paid $2,149.37 more for local expenses this year than last, but over $18,000.00 less on "unusual expenses." This latter decrease is due to the fact of the building of two churches in San Francisco last year and reported at the last convention of Synod.

Each column of the Sunday school report shows a creditable increase over last year except benevolence, in which there is a marked falling off, while the Young People's Societies show an increase in numbers and benevolence, but a falling off in contributions for local objects.

Except Home Missions, Foreign Missions and external objects, every item of benevolence shows an increase, making the total under this head $208.19

more than last year. But the grand total is less than the last report by $16,211.60, this falling off being due to the smaller amount credited under "unusual expenses." A detailed report is presented under Appendix C.

Upon the Statistical Secretary is also placed the duty of preparing the apportionment table for the coming year. He, first of all, recommends that the even dollar plan of apportionment be adopted, eliminating the cents column by fixing the apportionment at the even dollars below when the amount ends with 49 cents or less, and at the even dollars above when it is 50 cents or over.

Apportionment table shown in Appendix B.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

On motion, the apportionment for Synodical Treasury was fixed at 11 cents for the coming year.

The Home Mission report was then taken up for consideration.

On motion, the names of the seven missions that have reduced the amounts of their appropriations were inserted in the report. Pending the adoption of the report, verbal reports were heard from the following fields: Alpaugh, Sanger, Fresno, Salinas, San Bernardino, Alameda, Berkeley, Santa Barbara and Riverside.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. K. Reed, the Home Mission report pending as unfinished business.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 9 A. M.

The devotional half-hour was conducted by Rev. Herbert J. Weaver.

Synod was called to order by the President. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session approved.

On motion, the Home Mission report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

Ours is indeed a Home Mission Synod. All but four congregations are

being aided to-day by the Home Mission Board, or by the Woman's Society. Three of these four were beneficiaries in the past. Only one has never received help. To the Home Mission Board we owe our existence.

Seventeen congregations of our State are now on the funds of the Mission Board. These are receiving varying amounts of aid according to their needs, for which they are trying to show their gratitude by contributing to the benevolent objects of the Church, and by increasing in members, efficiency and self-help. The ideal of every mission congregation should be self-support. They should aim at the abandonment of the crutches that assisted them to stand and walk. The crutches can then be handed over to some other struggling congregations to help them to get on their feet and stand steady. The danger of such generous continuance of help as ours has been is the trusting to it. It is feared that such may be the case at some places in our Synod. However, seven congregations have reduced their Home Mission aid for this year from $50.00 to $100.00 each, aggregating a total reduction of $440.00, namely: Redlands, Alameda, San Diego, San Francisco (St. Andrew's and St. Matthew's), Long Beach and St. José. This is a good showing that needs emulation by others.

Not all the missions have raised their apportionment for benevolence. Half report an excess and half a deficit. A deficit should not be allowed by any mission congregation to be their response to the generosity of the Board's aid.

Seven missions reduced their indebtedness during the year; two of them having paid off the mortgages held against their churches, namely, Alameda and Redlands.

The general financial condition of the missions is fair or good. One pastor answered "excellent," and another "best yet." The general activity of the missions seems to be about the same as the financial condition. The two proceed along parallel lines.

Seven missions report an increase in membership, and four a decrease. There being no confirmations may explain the latter in part.

The Sunday schools are doing well where the teachers are classed as good or energetic. Nine missions are blessed with such teachers, and others have some of this high class.

The improvements on the church property are referred to in the President's report.

Two missions have been seeking permanent pastors throughout much of the Synodical year. Several calls have been extended, but up to this date both Riverside and Santa Barbara are vacant. San Diego also is pastorless.

Sanger has been constituted a separate pastorate, and Rev. John Gutleben has taken charge. He began the work January 1st, 1909. One hundred dollars of the support of the pastor of this mission is to be provided from the California Home Mission Fund. The remainder comes from the Woman's Society.

Alpaugh has been taken upon the funds of the Board, and Rev. J. J. Chambers is the missionary in charge. This mission is in the heart of the a new farming settlement in Tulare County and is awake to its opportunity. The congregation was organized October 29th, 1908.

San Bernardino has bought a lot on which to locate their new church. The price was $2,000.00, on which they have paid $550.00.

Long Beach made a payment of $675.00 on their lot, and is anxious to build.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society have signified their willingness to take up Berkeley as a mission on their funds. A Sunday school was organized in that city January 3d, 1909, under the supervision of the pastor of the Oakland Church. Rev. W. R. Swickard preached for the people on almost every Sunday during this year. They will organize a congregation as soon as a pastor is on the field.

At Melrose a Sunday school has been started under the direct care of the pastor at Alameda. The school was opened November 13th, 1908.

Both these mission schools were undertaken by action of the Northern Conference at Salinas, November 11th, and have occasioned no expense to the Home Mission Committee or to Synod.

The Men's League of the First Church of Los Angeles has undertaken the establishment of a Third Lutheran Bible School in Los Angeles, and Mr. H. Troutwein has been appointed to canvass the most favorable locations looking to the organization of a new Lutheran church.

The "special fund" referred to in the President's report makes it possible to inaugurate mission work in San Francisco in the near future. The Richmond district seems to be the most promising, although both the Sunset and Mission Road districts are worthy of special attention and thorough consideration before a field for operation is definitely determined upon. It is pretty certain that the Woman's Society will take this work upon their funds.

In accordance with the instructions of Synod certain bills were to be paid from the California Home Mission Fund. Orders were drawn on the Treasurer for the following items and amounts:

Rev. J. W. Romich for St. Mark's, Los Angeles	$25 00
Rev. J. E. Hoick for California Home Mission envelopes	9 45
Rev. C. F. Oehler for expenses as Fraternal Delegate	30 00
Rev. W. L. Remsberg for traveling expenses as President	4 50
Rev. J. E. Hoick for expressage on California Home Mission envelopes	55
Rev. H. J. Weaver for expenses in supplying Santa Barbara	3 30
Rev. J. Gutleben for first quarter's salary	25 00
Total	$97 80

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
HERMAN GEHRCKE,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

Report of Committee on Church Extension.

Your Committee on Church Extension submit the following report:

Only one thing seems to claim the attention of this committee that has not been considered either in the President's report or in the Home Mission report.

To us has been referred the matter of devising ways and means for helping weak congregations to secure their lots before they appeal to the Board of Church Extension for assistance in building their churches. This is important, and there seems to be only one feasible method of accomplishing it, namely, by setting apart a Church Lot Fund similar to our California Home Mission Fund and collected in much the same way, by apportionment and special donations. However, it cannot be as large as our California Home Mission Fund, else to gather it will be an unbearable burden. Ten cents per member per annum would yield about $200.00 each year for this fund. With several new missions coming along, each wanting a lot and a church home, it is seen at once that we will not be able to supply the demand. Yet if the gift to the congregation is safeguarded by the promise of the congregation to pay for the lot before erecting a church on it, and by the additional help of a portable chapel placed on the lot, it might be one of Synod's best missionary investments. It is unfortunately true that the burdensome debt on some of our congregations is, in great part, the debt on the lot. To obviate this, pay for the lot first, build the church only on a paid for lot, and start a church lot fund to help pay for church lots of mission congregations.

We have no further recommendations to offer by which this very desirable end may be attained.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER,
HENRY S. FEIX.

Adopted.

It was moved and carried, that the Church Extension Committee be authorized to establish a Church Extension Fund, for which an apportionment of five cents per capita be laid, the committee to solicit other private donations in addition.

The report of the Committee on State of the Church was then taken up for consideration, and on motion was adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

In attempting to present a report of the state of the church from the blanks filled out and submitted to the committee, we are confronted with three difficulties:

1. Some pastors failed to answer all the questions.

2. Not the same basis was used by the different pastors in giving answers to the same questions; one would base his answer on the general state of ex-

ternal activity; another on the spiritual condition; and still another would use a numerical basis.

3. Added to these difficulties it is impossible to give a correct estimate of the spiritual condition of a people from any sort of statistical reports that may be employed.

However, from the reports at hand, and to the best of our ability, we herewith present this report of the state of church for our Synod.

I. MATTERS MATERIAL.

1. As to membership and attendance of our twenty churches, nine report a gain in communicant membership for the year, seven report loss, and four show the same figures. A portion of these losses are accounted for by the ruling of last Synod, whereby only members who had communed within the year were to be reported as communicants.

The totals for the year show over 3000 confirmed members, or a gain over the last report; and nearly 2000 communicants, a small loss as compared with last year. In all this membership it is rather sad to find only one student for the ministry. This is not a condition peculiar to California; it is one of the perplexing situations to-day in religious history. To what are our parents dedicating their boys? Possibly to nothing at all, and are allowing them to select for themselves, under the influences of the world, those callings that mean less self-denial than the gospel ministry. Until pastors and parents awaken to the necessity of pressing the claims of the ambassadorship of God on our boys and youth until they feel, "Woe is me, if I preach not the gospel," our seminaries will cry for students in vain, our pulpits remain unoccupied, and the people languish for the bread of life.

Closely associated with the matter of membership is that of attendance on divine services.

Only seven of our churches report an average attendance at the Sunday morning service equal to the membership, and none any above; while four report an average morning service equal to one-half the membership. At the evening service the record is even more deplorable; only two have a one hundred per cent. attendance, while more than one-half have less than fifty per cent., and one has even as low as fourteen per cent. When it is remembered that these proportions are drawn with the communicant membership report, the record becomes much worse when compared with the larger confirmed list. These conditions bespeak the crying need of a revival of religion, a work of grace, a shaking of dry bones, or whatever name you choose, whereby the professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, in our California Lutheran churches, shall be awakened from their lethargy and be made diligent for the Lord.

If in this attendance a large per cent. were children being trained for the future, the outlook would be more hopeful, but the fact is that only one-third of the churches report "good" attendance of children, whatever that may

mean, and the remainder "poor." The sad fact is that in the majority of churches, if the pastor comes to the church door after the close of the Sunday school, he is confronted by as large an audience leaving the building as is entering, the one leaving being the more impressionable of the two. We would commend to the members of Synod the investigation of the junior congregation as a possible solution of this difficulty. Catechisation in some form or other is followed in all our churches but three, and if this effective and valuable method would be supplemented more generally by some plan to keep in active service the confirmed children, it would mean much more for our churches than they now receive.

As to the mid-week prayer meeting, eight churches do not report any, and those that do report, as a rule, a very small attendance.

It is a sad condition in any congregation when this spiritual vitalizer is set aside or neglected. The mid-week service should be the people's service, where the pastor acts simply as a guide, and where the word of God and prayer occupy more time than any words of human wisdom.

The various auxiliaries of the church, of whatever name, are as a rule, reported "fair" and "good' with only an occasional "poor."

2. FINANCES.—Aside from three congregations, the financial condition is reported "good," and in some instances the best in their history. Twelve have paid all or part of their indebtedness, and thirteen report some improvement on the property during the year. In every case, excepting one, the salary is paid promptly. These statements bespeak an interest on the part of the laity, and possibly, a careful oversight by the pastor.

The most ungratifying part of the financial exhibit is that one-half of our churches resort to some sort of methods that are, to say the least, questionable in raising a portion of their funds. In view of the wealth in the hands of the members of the church, it is high time that we stopped being beggars, quit playing the clown and the monkey, and that we exhibit the same sort of self-respect in our church finances that we do in our personal affairs.

One possible cause of the lack of funds by free-will giving, thus bringing in these other clap-trap methods, is that our members are not sufficiently well informed of the work and needs of our Church. Only sixty-eight copies of LUTHERAN CHURCH WORK are taken in our entire Synod. Think of it! Only nine hundred Lutheran Church papers, weekly and monthly, German and English, are taken by our congregations; and when we remember that two or more of these are frequently in one home, we see how scarce the fuel, and no wonder the fire burns no brighter.

II. THE SPIRITUAL SIDE.

The more important part of this report has to do with those factors which directly make for the spiritual life, and which tell of its peculiar outworkings. From every congregation comes the testimony that there is practically no interest in private Bible study aside from what is done through the Sunday

school; and as the Sunday school reaches practically few adults, and as the study preparation is proverbially poor, it betokens a woeful neglect of this all-portant Book, the hiding of which in the heart will keep from sin. If now the contrary is true, and it unquestionably is, that sin is what keeps one from the Book, this lack of Bible study to-day stands as one of the strongest condemnations of our churches yet recorded, and demands some plain preaching and earnest dealing by the pastor. And especially is this so since in all quarters there is such a strong element of destructive criticism in the pulpits of other denominations, poisoning the minds and hearts of all the people of the community.

Family worship seems better known by its neglect than by its observance. The highest estimate given was ten per cent., and that was a mere conjecture, while the majority testified in effect that there is no such custom general with their members. The reason given, viz., that business and social duties made it impossible, only emphasizes the strong hold the world, the flesh and the devil have on those who have professed to renounce these things, for, smooth it over as we may, the fact remains that we always find time for what we really consider the most important matter. As to carrying out the Church's only mission to the world—to reach the unsaved with the gospel of the grace of God—the unanimous answer is that nothing is doing towards reaching those out of Christ, though in some cases the acknowledgment is made with a feeling of sorrow on the part of the pastor giving the same. Brethren, we all are guilty, and some day will stand face to face with our Lord to answer for our neglect. May His Spirit stir us up to renewed faithfulness. It is to be expected that since there is no effort to reach the unsaved that there should be no concern amongst the unsaved for their own salvation. And this, too, is the universal report. We may well ask, Why should there be any concern amongst them when those who hold the message, and to whom its serious reality is spiritually revealed, have no concern to carry it to those who are blind to their own lost condition and to this matchless salvation?

The hindrances to the deeper life are summed up under three heads: (1) Indifference—and it is past all conception how men can be indifferent to a matter that is of such great moment to the Lord; and yet they are so simply because they have not been wakened up to its great importance.

(2) Worldliness.—Back to the flesh pots of Egypt, down to the things of mammon and pleasure—forsaking the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord—how far away from the place of the peculiar people it was intended that the body of Christ should be!

(3) The Self-life—and here is the kernel of it all. My way, not Christ's; my will, not His; my plans, not the Lord's; my honor, not His; my glory, not God's; mine, mine, mine, it matters not if the influence of the pastor is destroyed; it matters not if the Church is disrupted and its power shorn; it matters not if others are turned aside and possibly lost eternally; just so that I can vindicate myself, sustain my position and accomplish my ends. "He that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that abaseth himself shall be

exalted." With a few the saloon was set forth as such a hindrance. Why the saloon should be a hindrance to the deeper life in the child of God is hard to see. What part or lot has he with the saloon? If his interest is there, it is time that he was converted, for he doubtless is "in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity."

The chief discouraging features, aside from these just mentioned, are set forth as "poor attendance on the Sunday evening service," "removals of members and helpers," "lack of Sunday school teachers and other assistants," and "parental indifference."

That these are serious discouraging features among us no pastor in California will deny. What to do to remedy it is another question, and one hard to answer. We may not be able to remedy it; and, if not, then the only thing required of us is, "Be thou faithful."

Some of the discouragements suggested seem to us to be parcel of a spirit that would work its own glory rather than the salvation of souls—pastors and leaders occupied with things that concern their own reputation more than the glory of God. The Lord Jesus Christ pleased not Himself, and in this left us, His ambassadors, our highest ambition, to do God's will, it matters nothing how much it humiliates us.

But not all is black and gloomy. There are encouragements as well as discouragements. We need to learn to "give thanks always for all things," knowing "that all things work together for good to those who love God, and are the called according to His purpose."

In view of this it is perfectly legitimate to find encouragement in a growing city and in a healthy financial condition. But from all over the State come far more abiding and deeper reasons for encouragement and thanksgiving when the pastors speak of restored harmony, mutual co-operation amongst the members, a noticeable spiritual development in the congregation, loyal support of the pastor's plans, activity in home and foreign mission work, and a recognition of their helplessness on the part of the people compelling a looking upward to their Source of strength.

Add to all these the great truth of God's faithfulness and unchangeableness, even in the face of our unworthiness and unfaithfulness, and it will then matter nothing as to the accidents of the present moment, knowing that God's plans and purposes cannot be brought to naught by any effort of man or devil. We can well stop and ask, "Watchman, what of the night?" and then listen for the reply, "The morning cometh."

The darkness of the night may even grow a shade darker, but this very darkness is the harbinger of the perfect day when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings—when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
A. JATHO.

On motion, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention was granted the privilege of additional space in the printed minutes over that hitherto granted, the extra cost to be borne by the Woman's Convention, according to their request.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on the Publication of the *California Lutheran*, Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. John Gutleben.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. J. Chambers.

The roll was called and the minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the Publication of the *California Lutheran* was again taken up and the report adopted.

Report of the "California Lutheran" Publishing Committee.

Your committee, to whom was given the responsibility of the *California Lutheran* for this Synodical year, submit the following report:

The committee organized by electing Rev. O. H. Gruver, editor; Rev. J. W. Romich, Southern subscription manager, and Rev. H. Gehrcke, Northern subscription manager. Later, it seemed best to centralize all at Oakland. Rev. H. S. Feix was made mailing manager, Rev. O. H. Gruver was made general manager, and Dr. G. G. Burnett was made treasurer; but in August he went East, and the editor has had charge of this office too. Therefore, the *California Lutheran* has been conducted throughout the year chiefly by Revs. Gruver and Feix.

Several changes have been made in the general make-up of the paper. All copy now goes through the editor's hands. The mailing list is sent to the publisher each month with the editor's copy. Both these changes were intended to same time and mistakes. The promise of the publisher is to get the paper into our homes by the twelfth of each month. In this he has failed, partly because of the mails. Accordingly, the management has been disappointed, but can offer no other remedy than to have the paper printed in California. This can be done at additional cost.

Twelve issues of the paper have come to our homes since the last meeting of Synod. These have all been paid, except the March and April issues, amounting to $41.52. There are outstanding accounts for subscriptions to

almost cover this amount. However, we must face the fact that at the present rate of twenty-five cents the *California Lutheran* can never be put on a self-sustaining basis. We must either raise the subscription price to thirty-five or fifty cents, or get more advertisements, or do both. Except we do something a deficit will need to be met each year.

The treasurer's statement of accounts is appended hereto.

The editor begs to be relieved of any connection with the paper during the coming Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

On motion, a salary of $50.00 a year was allowed the editor and business manager.

The following resolutions were then adopted :

Resolutions on Report of the "California Lutheran."

1. *Resolved*, That the actual deficit of $8.23 be paid from the Home Mission treasury of California Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That we commend the editor, Rev. O. H. Gruver, and the business manager, Rev. H. S. Feix, for their faithful work done during the past year, and that Rev. H. S. Feix be appointed editor and business manager for the ensuing year.

3. *Resolved*, That the subscription price be raised to fifty cents per annum.

Report of Auditing Committee for "California Lutheran."

Your committee beg leave to report the treasurer's accounts to be correct.

Respectfully submitted, FR. SCHNEIDER,
C. CORNELIUS.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your committee present the following as having sent satisfactory excuses for their absence from Synod, and recommend that they be excused, viz., Revs. J. S. Moser, J. W. Romich, M. F. Rinker, William Brandes and J. C. Pedersen. Also the following lay delegates: J. W. Fricke, J. W. Reimer, Myron Hestorff, D. J. Horner, M. D., Edward Peterson, Fred Meckfessel, John Kline, James Popert, P. Boehme, Theo. M. Meiding, W. F. Maxwell, D. H. Nyce.

We recommend that the following be excused before Synod closes : Revs. W. E. Crouser, J. E. Hoick, S. W. Young, A. Jatho, H. Gehrcke, John Gutleben and Mr. John Heinz.

The following have sent no excuse : Revs. L. C. Routzahn and Lutz Horn.

Respectfully submitted, S. W. YOUNG,
D. J. SNYDER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee received an application from the First Lutheran Church of Alpaugh for admission into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California. Since this congregation has adopted the constitution suggested by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, with a few slight changes, we recommend that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted, A. JATHO,
JOHN GUTLEBEN.

Adopted.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the officers of Synod pay to the First Lutheran Church of Alpaugh, Cal., the sum of $150.00 or $200.00, if need be, upon the receipt of a trust deed of the property purchased with this money by the said congregation, this trust deed to be given to the California Synod as security for this amount, and to be given up and the amount so furnished to become a gift to the Alpaugh congregation if the Church Extension Board should at any time furnish any financial help to the Alpaugh congregation and obtain satisfactory security for the same.

Report of Delegate to the Pacific Synod (G. C.).

Your delegate to the Pacific Synod attended the meeting of said body at The Dalles, Ore., on June 25th, 1908, and was accorded a most cordial and fraternal reception.

By courtesy of the Synod the seminary question was discussed on the same day, and resolutions were adopted expressing the regrets of the Synod because further co-operation in establishing a Pacific seminary had become an impossibility.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER.

Adopted.

Rev. Emil Meyer, fraternal delegate from the Pacific Synod, presented the greetings of his body. The greeting was fittingly responded to by President of Synod.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The Committee on the President's Report submit the following :

The report gives evidence that a great amount of work has been done by the President, and has been done in a manner which reflects creditably upon him.

We note with pleasure the devotion of all members of our California Synod to the Master's cause, hence the improvements in various congregations, and the endeavor to organize and maintain new Sunday schools and congregations.

We regret the continued vacancies in two of our missions.

Your committee would also respectfully recommend the following:

1. That we approve all official acts of our acting President by a rising vote of thanks.

2. That a warrant be ordered drawn on the Treasurer to the amount of $7.12 for reimbursement.

3. That in view of the fact that men and money are scarce for missionary purposes, we urge each member of our Synod to improve each opportunity in organizing new Sunday schools without expense to the Special Fund.

4. That all recommendations of the President be considered *seriatim*.

Respectfully submitted, HERMAN GEHRCKE,
H. S. FEIX.

Adopted.

The recommendations of President's report were considered *seriatim* and adopted (see report of President—Miscellanies), and the report adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. O. H. Gruver was appointed Archivist of Synod.

St. Matthew's congregation of San Francisco extended a cordial invitation to the Synod to hold its next convention in their church. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Report of the Committee on Pacific Theological Seminary.

The Pacific Theological Seminary Committee met in the Wartburg Lutheran Church, April 22d, 1909, and organized, electing Rev. W. E. Crouser chairman, and Rev. George H. Hillerman secretary.

On motion of Rev. Oehler, the following resolution was adopted:

"The committee recommends that California Synod ask the General Synod and the Board of Education to assist this Synod in the establishment and maintenance of a college and theological seminary on our territory upon the General Synod's basis."

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Emil Meyer.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 8.30 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., who presented a very able paper on the tenth article of the Augsburg Confession, concerning the Lord's Supper.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Roll call.

The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Conference Minutes.

Your Committee on Minutes of the Conferences would respectfully report the following: Upon inquiry we learn that the minutes of the Northern Conference are not present. Your committee, having examined the minutes of Southern Conference, find nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted, W. R. SWICKARD,
P. W. H. FREDERICK.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Other Synods.

The minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synods of Kansas, Iowa and Central Pennsylvania were submitted to your committee.

We find nothing in them requiring the attention of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
J. J. CHAMBERS.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Budget of Traveling Expenses.

The budget of $120.00 carfare expenses of the regular clerical delegates to Synod has been pooled among the eighteen clerical members, and paid at the rate of $6.67 each.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
C. W. WEISER.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The temperance cause has made marvelous strides during the past year, and won some notable victories. The State and National legislatures have taken up the matter in a manner unparalleled in the history of the nation. Stringent laws have been passed prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to the Indians, and in some instances prohibiting the existence of the saloon within twenty-five miles of the reservation. The bill for returning the beer canteen to the Soldiers' Homes was defeated by a vote of 167 to 46. Initial work has been done on the interstate commerce in liquor, in restricting the saloon in the District of Columbia, and liquor selling in government buildings, and in regulating the liquor traffic in Alaska. The abolition of the saloon and the substituting of the club buffet in Alabama was one of the most noted triumphs.

Eight States are prohibition States. All except eight of the remainder have local option. Throughout the nation the increasing demand for the highest efficiency in work, and a marked elevation of the moral tone, is doing much

to regulate the liquor traffic. We rejoice in the victories achieved in the cause of temperance, and most heartily give our support to those working for healthful legislation and social purity.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the California Synod, here assembled in the city of Fresno, expresses its great satisfaction in the success of this city, at a recent election, in ridding itself of the open saloon. We believe that this action will greatly inure to the advancement, every way, of this already beautiful and progressive city, bringing it, as it does, into line with the tidal wave of temperance sweeping over our beloved country.

For the committee, C. W. WEISER,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacant Congregations.

Your committee beg to remind Synod that our churches at Riverside and Santa Barbara have each been vacant for nearly one year, and that the welfare of these churches demands immediate action on the part of Synod. We assure these congregations of our continued interest, and recommend that the President of Synod, co-operating with the officers of the Southern Conference and with the officers of the vacant congregations, take immediate steps to supply these important fields with efficient pastors.

Also we report that the First Church of San Diego has recently become vacant, and that immediate steps should be taken to procure a pastor for this important field.

We recommend that in every vacancy occurring within the Synod, the president or secretary of the congregation at once notify the President of Synod, and that the latter, co-operating with the officers of the church, look toward the speedy supplying of the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted, C. F. OEHLER,
W. J. ROEHMER,
J. A. BOHN.

Adopted.

Resolution Concerning Vacant Congregations.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Synod appropriate from the California Home Mission Fund, for additional support for one year to the missionaries who may accept calls to our vacant congregations as follows: to Santa Barbara, $200.00; to Riverside, $100.00, making the salary $1,000.00 for each place.

It was moved and carried that the remuneration of Revs. Swickard and Reed for services within the bounds of Synod, be referred to the Home Mission Committee with endorsement of Synod.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Synod be returned and expressed to the pastor and his devoted wife, also to the Wartburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Fresno, for their cordial entertainment of Synod, and to the press of Fresno for their extensive notices.

Resolved, That $5.00 be paid by the Treasurer of Synod to the proper official for services rendered during the sessions of Synod.

Resolved, That our Secretary write the publishers of our almanacs and year books to omit from the roll of ministers the names of A. C. Delbo and William H. Becker, because neither of these names is now on the roll of any of our Synods.

Resolved, That we make a special effort during the coming Synodical year to raise our apportionment in full for all objects, and that pastors and church councils co-operate in devising definite plans for raising the full apportionment.

Resolved, That we greatly and thankfully appreciate the recent visit of our beloved sisters in Christ, Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Ph. D., President and Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of our General Synod, to the churches of the California Synod, because we were greatly benefited and strengthened by their presence in our midst. We hope they will be able to repeat their visit soon.

Resolved, That our pastors take special care to uphold the blessed rite of confirmation in all our churches, conscientiously instructing the young in Luther's catechism, and in the history of our Lutheran Church, also taking care of our young people after confirmation.

Resolved, That the pastors of San Francisco be authorized and commissioned by the President of Synod to canvass the Mission Sunset and Richmond Districts of San Francisco, mentioned in the President's report, at an early date, and that the most promising fields be recommended to our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and our Home Mission Board for immediate occupation.

Resolved, That the paper presented to Synod by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., on the tenth article of the Augsburg Confession, "The Real Presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper," be printed in the *California Lutheran*, and then in tract form, 5000 copies or more, to be bought by our pastors for distribution among the people.

Resolved, That $25.00 be paid to Secretary of Synod, Rev. O. H. Gruver, for his services in the past, also that the traveling expenses of the Treasurer of Synod, to Synod and return, be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. OEHLER,
J. W. BALL,
P. S. LEISENRING.

The report was considered *seriatim* and adopted.

On motion, it was decided that the twentieth annual convention of Synod convene in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Cal., on the second Tuesday after Easter (April 5th, 1910), at 2 P. M., devoting the first afternoon to the hearing of reports, setting time for their consideration and such other business as is usually done in the first half-day, the Synodical Communion being held on the evening of the same day.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee of the Treasurer's books beg leave to report that we find the books and various accounts in good shape and the figures correct.

We report the absence of one receipt from the Deaconess Board, not yet received; also the lack of a receipt from Rev. Gruver for $25. It appears the check was mailed, but not received. This will doubtless be straightened out after a lapse of sufficient time.

Respectfully submitted, H. A. GETZ,
J. A. BOHN.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned to permit a meeting of the Ministerium.

Synod was again called to order by the President.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

Your committee would report that it has been found impossible to do all the work assigned, and would recommend that a committee be appointed to present to the next convention of Synod the amendments to the constitution and resolutions of Synod properly codified.

We also give notice of the following amendments to be acted upon at the next convention:

THE CONSTITUTION.

Article IV., Sec. 1, after the word "Secretary," add the word "Archivist."

Art. IV., Sec. 4. Make this section to be Art. V., Sec. 4.

Art. V., Sec. 1 (7), add the words, "In case the Secretary may be unwilling to serve as President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a President."

Art. V., Sec. 3 (6), substitute for "March 20th of each year" the words, "the first Saturday after Easter of each year."

Art. V., Sec. 5. ARCHIVIST.—The duties of the Archivist shall be to gather and preserve all Synodical records, also papers, documents, etc., which may be deemed of historic value relating to the California Synod.

Art. XII., Sec. 1 (7), Executive Committee.

Art. XII., Sec. 7, the Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of Synod, together with the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

TO BY-LAWS.

No. 10. Amend to make the first clause read, "All the ministers and congregations must send their parochial reports to the Statistical Secretary not later than the first Saturday after Easter.

No. 11. Change to read: The Synodical year shall close at midnight of the first Saturday evening after Easter, and everything given or done after that day shall be credited on the new year.

No. 12. The annual meeting of Synod shall convene on the third Tuesday after Easter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
W. E. CROUSER,
G. H. HILLERMAN.

Adopted.

The Ministerium reported, through Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., recommending the ordination of Rev. C. W. Weiser, a licentiate of the Synod. The report was adopted, the ordination to be held on the following Sunday evening.

Resolution as to Membership in Our California Churches.

Resolved, by Synod, (1) That it is unlawful and unchristian for any of our congregations to charge an admission fee to people applying for membership in our congregations; also (2) that all members of our churches are required to lead a sober, moral and Christian life, respecting and honoring their pastors as their spiritual leaders and thus honoring Christ, the blessed Head of our Church.

Adopted.

Election of Officers.

The election was conducted by H. A. Getz and A. Cornelius, tellers appointed by the President, and resulted as follows:

President—Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Secretary—Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. George H. Hillerman.

Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Pacific Seminary Committee—Rev. W. E. Crouser, Rev. Charles F. Oehler, Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, Rev. W. S. Hoskin-

son, D. D., Mr. J. A. Bohn, Mr. J. W. Fricke, Mr. Fred Meckfessel.

Trustees of California Synod—Rev. O. H. Gruver, Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., P. S. Leisenring, M. D., Mr. H. A. Getz, Mr. A. Cornelius.

On motion, Mr. H. A. Getz and Mr. B. I. Valentine were elected alternate delegates to the General Synod.

Moved, that on account of distance, a letter of greeting be sent to the Pacific Synod instead of a fraternal delegate.

Moved, that 600 copies of Minutes be printed and distributed pro rata among the congregations.

On motion of Mr. H. A. Getz, the following was adopted:

Address to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Board of Home Missions.

To the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Board of Home Missions:

Greeting: We, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, assembled in annual convention at Fresno, Cal., April 24th, 1909, respectfully ask you to consider our long-held belief that owing to the expenses and requirements of our missionaries in California, a salary placed for them under $900.00 per annum means failure to the mission and the missionary, as demonstrated at Santa Barbara, Cal.; also that a missionary carrying his church on to a church home and to self-support cannot build his library and set the proper example of giving on a salary of $900.00 per year; and that his congregation should be permitted to increase his salary from time to time until it reaches the sum of $1,200.00 per annum before having its appropriation decreased.

We bring before you these facts in a spirit of sincere loyalty to you, our leaders of the great body of givers to the Home Missionary cause, with our assured confidence that our views will receive a careful and sympathetic consideration.

Reading and approval of minutes.

On motion, Synod adjourned.

J. W. BALL,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1909.

The Ministerium was called to order at 11.00 A. M. by President Gruver.

After prayer by Rev. C. F. Oehler, the Examining Committee of the Synod reported as follows :

Report of Examining Committee.

Your committee would recommend that Rev. C. W. Weiser, having satisfied the committee of his fitness for ordination, be ordained to the Christian ministry at this meeting of Synod.

W. S. HOSKINSON,
For the Committee.

Adopted.

Ministerium adjourned, with prayer by Rev. D. J. Snyder.

J. W. BALL,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California from May 4, 1908, to April 19, 1909.*

CONGREGATIONS.	Synodical Treasury.	General Synod.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Grand Total.	Excess.	Deficit.
To balance	$33 56										$231 58	$265 14		
Alpaugh			$7 70								2 00	9 70		
Al meda			14 00									14 00		$59 44
Fresno and Sanger			16 00		$10 00		$2 10				13 30	64 70		167 86
Long Beach	2 70	$0 60	13 26	$9 92	6 00	$6 00	2 10	$2 40	$1 50	$0 60	7 50	52 58	$6 88	
Los Angeles, First	32 50	7 22	135 91	120 25	72 20	72 20	25 27	28 88	18 05	7 25	90 25	609 98	57 65	
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	3 06	68	10 20	8 50	6 80	6 80	2 38	2 72	1 70	68	8 50	52 02		
Oakland	8 55	1 90	28 50	23 75	19 00	19 00	6 65	7 60	4 75	8 29	23 75	151 74	6 39	
Pasadena	5 67	1 26	18 90	15 75	12 60	12 60	4 41	5 04	3 15	1 26	15 75	96 39		
Redlands	8 00	2 00	21 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	2 00	17 00	110 00	7 49	
Riverside	4 95	1 10	16 50	13 75	12 00	11 00	3 85	4 40	2 75	2 00	13 80	86 10	1 95	
San Bernardino	3 42	76	11 40			4 65					3 60	23 83		34 31
Sacramento, First	7 40	2 60	24 08	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	3 64			16 67	83 39		113 51
Sacramento, German	29 88	6 64	99 60	83 00	66 40	66 40	23 24	26 50	16 60	6 64	83 00	507 96		
Salinas			16 50		11 00							27 50		56 65
San Diego	8 91	1 98	29 70	74 75	19 80	19 80	6 93	7 79	4 95	2 70	25 29	204 76	53 29	
San Francisco, First	7 83	1 74	26 10	21 75	17 40	17 40	6 09	6 96	4 35	1 74	21 75	133 11		
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	3 42	76	11 40	9 53	7 60	7 60	2 66	3 04	1 90	1 00	4 80	53 71		4 43
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	5 95	1 40	25 80	9 50	13 20	7 50				5 80	14 50	82 65		18 33
San José	5 85	1 30	25 00	16 25	13 00	13 00	4 55	5 20	3 25	1 30	16 50	105 20	5 75	
Santa Barbara	3 60	80	10 00	5 00	5 30					80		25 50		35 70
Amount received	$179 25	$32 74	$561 55	$458 00	$316 30	$287 95	$100 23	$110 39	$66 95	$42 06	$603 54	$2734 96		
Amount remitted	179 79	32 71	561 55	458 00	316 30	283 42	98 13	110 39	66 95	42 06	99 35	2223 57		
Difference	$0 54	$0 03				$4 53	$2 10				$504 19	$511 39		

Treasurer's Traveling Expenses	$1 40
Janitor at Santa Barbara	5 00
Rev. O. H. Gruver, Secretary	25 00
Rev. G. H. Hillerman, President's Expenses	18 00
Rev. W. L. Remsberg, President's Expenses	2 50
Lutheran Publication Society for printing Minutes and postage	112 39
Treasurer's Expenses	5 50
Total	$179 79

Received for Synodical Treasury $179 79

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEISENRING, Treasurer.

APPENDIX B.—Apportionment, 1909-1910, in Even Dollars.

	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	California Church Extension.	Totals.
Rate per capita	...	.02	.11	.30	.25	.20	.20	.07	.08	.05	.02	.25	.05	$1 60
Alameda	46	$1 00	$5 00	$14 00	$12 00	$9 00	$9 00	$3 00	$4 00	$1 00	$1 00	$12 00	$2 00	74 00
Alpaugh	21	.....	2 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	5 00	1 00	31 00
Fresno	185	4 00	20 00	56 00	46 00	37 00	37 00	13 00	15 00	9 00	4 00	46 00	9 00	296 00
Long Beach	41	1 00	5 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	65 00
Los Angeles, First	323	6 00	36 00	97 00	81 00	65 00	65 00	23 00	26 00	16 00	6 00	81 00	16 00	518 00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	39	1 00	4 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	64 00
Oakland	95	2 00	10 00	29 00	24 00	19 00	19 00	7 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	24 00	5 00	154 00
Pasadena	63	1 00	7 00	19 00	16 00	13 00	13 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	16 00	3 00	101 00
Redlands	50	1 00	6 00	15 00	13 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	13 00	3 00	83 00
Riverside	46	1 00	5 00	14 00	12 00	9 00	9 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	12 00	2 00	74 00
Sacramento, First	130	3 00	14 00	39 00	33 00	26 00	26 00	9 00	10 00	7 00	3 00	33 00	7 00	210 00
Sacramento, German	311	6 00	34 00	93 00	78 00	62 00	62 00	22 00	25 00	16 00	6 00	78 00	16 00	498 00
Salinas	50	1 00	6 00	15 00	13 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	13 00	3 00	83 00
San Bernardino	40	1 00	4 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	64 00
San Diego	107	2 00	12 00	32 00	27 00	21 00	21 00	7 00	9 00	5 00	2 00	27 00	5 00	170 00
San Francisco, First	105	2 00	12 00	32 00	26 00	21 00	21 00	7 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	26 00	5 00	167 00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	68	1 00	7 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	17 00	3 00	107 00
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	38	1 00	4 00	11 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	63 00
Sanger	96	2 00	11 00	29 00	24 00	19 00	19 00	7 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	24 00	5 00	155 00
San José	67	1 00	7 00	20 00	17 00	13 00	13 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	17 00	3 00	105 00
Santa Barbara	27	1 00	3 00	8 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	7 00	1 00	43 00
Totals	1948	$39 00	$214 00	$585 00	$491 00	$389 00	$389 00	$138 00	$156 00	$97 00	$39 00	$491 00	$97 00	$3125 00

APPENDIX C.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.

Pastors.	Pastorates.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses.	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
			Parochial.																				
H. S. Feix	Alameda	Christ	1	1	1	..	8	6	10	11	16	...	17	12	3	46	82	128	$3500 00	.....	$640 00	$870 00	1
W. J. Roehmer	Fresno	Wartburg	1	1	..	..	13	..	..	..	46	...	...	62	...	185	214	483	4500 00	$1250 00	550 00	400 00	2
D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	..	1	..	10	1	...	7	3	...	1	5	13	41	51	71	4250 00	1800 00	356 53	769 28	3
H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	First	1	..	3	1	24	2	3	12	24	2	13	17	...	323	540	675	84000 00	11100 00	3329 28	991 00	4
J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	13	...	3	1	2	...	...	4	5	39	44	67	4750 00	2030 45	487 40	96 34	5
O. H. Gruver	Oakland	First	1	..	2	..	7	3	2	2	11	2	...	5	...	95	151	179	28000 00	8000 00	1093 17	.....	6
C. W. Weiser	Pasadena	Trinity	1	..	..	..	4	1	8	7	4	...	3	11	14	63	80	97	10000 00	2450 00	479 75	303 60	7
G. H. Hillerman	Redlands	First	1	..	2	..	3	1	3	12	8	...	3	4	1	50	68	141	8000 00	.....	783 62	1777 35	8
J. K. Reed *	Riverside	Trinity	1	..	1	..	4	...	..	...	...	...	2	1	2	46	69	109	5200 00	.....	510 17	.....	9
W. S. Hoskinson	Sacramento	First	1	1	2	..	8	1	5	10	20	2	10	4	10	130	230	365	20000 00	2000 00	1400 25	25 00	10
C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German	1	..	2	..	24	6	...	21	44	...	7	...	...	311	602	1039	25000 00	.....	4207 21	.....	11
S. W. Young	Salinas	Our Saviour	1	..	1	..	10	2	...	3	5	...	...	...	...	50	50	77	4000 00	900 00	1347 62	67 70	12
P. W. H. Frederick	San Bernardino	First	1	..	1	..	11	...	..	4	3	...	7	4	1	40	54	81	2000 00	1450 00	358 80	550 00	13
J. E. Hoick	San Diego	First	1	..	3	..	7	1	3	6	9	1	7	10	...	107	123	179	20000 00	2175 00	1380 54	98 05	14
W. R. Swickard *	San Francisco	First	1	..	1	..	23	...	...	...	5	...	...	5	13	105	336	413	60000 00	8471 04	3310 79	228 96	15
H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1	..	..	..	11	...	2	...	12	...	...	4	...	68	120	170	41800 00	13563 85	1952 55	1286 15	16
A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1	..	..	..	14	2	...	2	14	...	...	...	4	38	90	151	16500 00	3200 00	543 60	650 00	17
J. Gutleben	Sanger	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	15	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	22	96	96	170	2000 00	500 00	370 00	.....	18
W. E. Crouser	San José	Grace	1	..	2	..	15	...	...	...	10	...	...	2	...	67	127	168	20000 00	2500 00	1054 25	200 00	19
M. D. Berg *	Santa Barbara	Grace	1	..	1	..	...	...	14	5	2	...	...	6	...	27	39	52	7000 00	3212 50	297 41	50 00	20
Totals for 1909			20	3	25	1	224	26	53	103	243	7	70	156	88	1927	3166	4815	370500 00	64602 84	24452 94	8363 43	21
Totals for 1908			20	..	24	1	207	30	40	244	231	13	185	227	136	1929	3027	4510	356300 00	66907 50	22303 57	26557 77	22
Gain			..	3	1	..	17	...	13	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	139	305	14200 00	.....	2149 37	.....	23
Loss			...	...	...	...	...	4	...	141	..	6	115	71	48	2	...	...	.....	2304 66	.....	18194 34	24

* Supply.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA.—*Concluded.*

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y. P. SOCIETIES.			DUES.		BENEVOLENCE.													
				Contributions.			Contributions.																	
Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Members, including Juniors.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	8	127	$40 00	$10 00	....	.....	.....	....	.....	$14 00	$8 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$32 65	$55 25	$1565 25
2	1	14	170	50 00	10 00	....	.....	.....	.....	$4 00	16 00	.....	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	40 00	990 00
3	1	9	43	21 29	20 48	12	.....	.....	$0 60	2 70	13 26	9 92	6 00	$6 00	.....	.....	$2 10	.....	$2 40	$1 50	$0 60	11 50	56 58	1182 39
4	1	33	333	395 03	77 12	100	$80 65	$106 40	7 22	32 50	226 16	120 25	227 20	72 20	.....	$218 19	25 27	.....	28 88	18 05	7 25	187 00	1170 17	5490 45
5	1	10	72	56 05	31 82	14	2 22	.....	68	3 06	18 70	8 50	6 80	6 80	.....	18 15	2 38	....	2 72	1 70	68	16 94	87 11	670 85
6	1	15	95	229 07	61 81	18	12 00	6 00	1 90	8 55	52 25	23 75	19 00	19 00	.....	29 72	6 65	.....	7 60	4 75	8 29	190 00	371 46	1464 63
7	1	7	60	27 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 26	5 67	34 65	15 75	12 60	12 60	.....	42 00	4 41	.....	5 04	3 15	1 26	.....	138 39	921 74
8	1	17	78	237 50	39 15	10	5 00	9 00	2 00	8 00	38 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	.....	97 25	5 00	.....	6 00	4 00	2 00	48 00	255 25	2816 22
9	1	12	38	77 42	25 20	25	11 15	9 56	1 10	4 95	16 50	13 75	11 00	11 00	.....	69 48	3 85	$2 00	4 40	2 75	.....	13 80	154 58	664 75
10	1	15	90	80 25	15 25	22	16 20	6 00	2 60	7 40	39 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	.....	34 00	5 00	.....	3 64	.....	.....	64 20	185 84	1611 09
11	1	22	240	399 88	167 12	42	212 00	30 00	6 64	29 88	182 60	83 00	66 40	66 40	.....	240 00	23 24	.....	26 56	16 60	6 64	143 65	891 61	5098 82
12	1	7	55	18 20	15 60	30	60 00	7 50	1 00	3 50	16 50	3 50	11 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 50	1450 82
13	1	6	40	13 00	4 65	20	6 00	.....	76	3 42	15 00	.....	.....	4 65	.....	33 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	62 73	971 53
14	1	12	113	202 89	26 28	38	18 75	47 50	1 74	7 83	60 99	74 75	19 80	19 80	.....	44 00	6 93	.....	7 95	4 95	2 70	57 43	308 87	1787 46
15	1	15	85	160 00	110 00	....	.....	.....	1 74	7 83	47 85	21 75	17 40	17 40	.....	55 00	6 09	.....	6 96	4 35	1 74	150 00	338 11	3877 86
16	1	13	75	175 25	.....	40	8 50	.....	1 40	5 95	40 30	9 50	13 20	7 50	.....	42 90	.....	2 40	.....	.....	.....	5 00	128 15	3366 85
17	1	4	32	23 20	.....	....	.....	.....	76	3 42	16 20	9 53	7 60	7 60	.....	29 75	2 66	.....	3 04	1 90	1 00	.....	83 46	1277 06
18	1	5	65	20 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 42	379 42
19	1	12	98	65 00	38 51	35	142 93	10 00	1 30	5 85	41 25	16 25	13 00	13 00	.....	40 53	4 55	.....	5 20	3 25	1 30	16 10	161 58	1415 83
20	1	7	33	8 76	5 00	....	.....	.....	80	3 60	10 00	5 00	5 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	25 50	372 91
21	20	243	1942	2300 49	657 99	406	575 40	231 96	33 50	148 11	908 63	450 80	470 30	287 95	.....	994 87	98 13	4 40	110 39	66 95	34 26	951 27	4559 56	37375 93
22	20	227	1821	2021 68	744 62	371	631 56	189 25	30 90	131 38	926 47	452 75	443 03	222 37	.....	836 24	91 53	12 85	89 13	57 28	3 40	1157 19	4326 37	53562 53
23	..	16	121	278 81	.....	35	.....	42 71	2 60	16 73	.....	.....	27 27	65 58	.....	158 63	6 60	.....	21 26	9 67	30 86	.....	233 19	.....
24	..	.....	.....	.....	86 63	....	56 16	.....	.....	.....	17 84	1 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 45	.....	.....	.....	205 92	.....	16186 60

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, *Statistical Secretary.*

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REPORT of the EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD IN WARTBURG EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Rev. W. J. Roehmer, Pastor),
FRESNO, CAL., April 22 and 23, 1909.

FIRST SESSION.

FRESNO, CAL., APRIL 22, 1909, 2.30 P. M.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California met at the parsonage of the Wartburg Lutheran Church, of Fresno, in regular session.

The President being absent, the First Vice-President, Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, of Sacramento, filled the chair and led the devotional service, reading Exodus xxxv. 4, 5, 20-29.

The Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Reimer, of Riverside, being absent, Miss Kate J. Stuber, of Sacramento, was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

The credentials of delegates were then presented, and roll was called, as follows:

Sacramento (English)—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Mrs. Anna Gifford (*a. e.*).

San Jose—Mrs. E. L. Patterson (*a. e.*).

San Bernardino—Mrs. P. W. H. Frederick (*a. e.*), Mrs. R. S. Cumming (*a. e.*).

Oakland—Mrs. O. H. Gruver.

San Diego—Mrs. W. G. Barth (*a. e.*).

Sacramento (German)—Miss Kate J. Stuber.

Redlands—Mrs. Ida M. Pike (*a. e.*).

Redlands, Helpers' Circle—Miss Hilma Johnson (*a. e.*).

San Francisco (First)—Mrs. Isaac Grant (*a. e.*).

San Francisco (St. Andrew's)—Mrs. Schneider.

The rules of order were read by the Secretary, and the meeting regularly opened by Mrs. Hoskinson.

A word of greeting and welcome was spoken by Rev. Roehmer and responded to by Mrs. Lothhammer, read by Miss Stuber.

Mrs. Hoskinson read the President's address, as follows :

President's Address.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Assembled in Eighteenth Annual Convention : Greetings :

Dear Friends : In the kind providence of a loving heavenly Father we have been spared to complete another year of service for Him in the cause so dear to the hearts of loyal Lutheran women.

The records are closed, and now as we review the work done in months past and plan for the future, may it be with earnest, prayerful hearts that we come to the duties before us.

SYNODICAL WORK.

As to our own Synodical work, while we have not accomplished great things, we feel that we have much to encourage us. No new work has been attempted, but the old regular work has appeared to be so new to many societies that we have endeavored to explain details and establish a uniform plan for all to observe.

Early in the year an outline stating the regular financial work expected of each auxiliary and suggesting dates for same was furnished to all connected with our Synodical Society. These points were emphasized in September, when auxiliaries in the Southern Conference made it possible for your Presi-

dent to visit and address the societies in Pasadena, Los Angeles, First Church, and St. Mark's, Long Beach Aid Society, San Bernardino, and later a conference with Riverside officers. By quarterly communications to all societies and through the columns of the *California Lutheran*, we have aimed to clearly explain the work being done and special objects presented by our General Executive Committee. The ready response from the majority of auxiliaries has been gratifying.

For the first time in our history we have more than paid our $50.00 pledge to the India Hospital Bed. The thank-offering was the largest yet received, and the total contribution for the year, over $900.00, was also the best showing we have made.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

It is a great disappointment to us that we are unable to report any new Woman's Societies, but we hope that some churches that are planning to organize may soon do so.

We are pleased to welcome to our ranks the new Young Woman's Mission Band of thirteen members from Pasadena Church and the Helpers' Circle from the Riverside Young People's Society.

Missionary training for our young people is one of the most vital questions before us to-day, and where it is not practicable to organize separate Mission Bands the Helpers' Circle may be substituted to good advantage.

We regret that our Young People's Secretary cannot be present at this convention to conduct the Young People's Hour planned for the program.

VISITORS.

A rare pleasure to all our churches was the visit of Mrs. Breckenridge and Mrs. Shaffer during January and February. Never before have representatives from the Executive Committee visited our California churches, and we feel that they brought much encouragement and inspiration to us.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) *Treasurer's Book.* At the opening of the year's work a consultation with our Treasurer revealed the fact that a new Treasurer's book was a necessity. It was purchased at once, and we recommend that Mrs. Reimer's bill of $1.40 for same be ordered paid by this convention.

(2) *Woman's Work.* Sample copies of our magazine will be at the convention for free distribution. It is earnestly desired that they be all circulated amongst our churches, and that we endeavor to secure more subscribers to this most important helper in our work.

(3) *Accurate Reports.* It is necessary to call the attention of officers to the importance of making very careful reports to the Synodical Treasurer.

In last quarter's reports some serious errors were made in the sending of money. Corrections were requested, but it was *too late.* The books were

closed and money sent to the General Treasurer, whose books were also closed for the biennium. It now remains to be seen whether Mrs. E. D. Miller can suggest a means of correction in the next quarter's report. We suggest that the President of each society thoroughly acquaint herself with the Treasurer's book, and that once a quarter she confer with the Treasurer concerning details before the report is sent to Synodical Treasurer. In this way errors may be avoided.

(4) *India Bed and Synodical Fund.* As suggested in the Outline for Regular Work, each member of California societies is expected to contribute 20 cents once a year for our India Hospital Bed Fund, and 25 cents a year for Synodical Fund. This is just as much of an obligation as our dues for General Fund, and members should be made to understand that if they do not pay the sums stated the society must furnish the balance from the Contingent Fund. Our love for the work should constrain us to make self-denial if need be to meet the demands.

(5) *Uniform Time for Regular Contributions.* In order to facilitate matters for our Treasurer, we recommend that societies observe the dates suggested for the past year, viz., General Fund *every* quarter; June quarter for India Hospital Bed; December quarter for Thank-offering and Christmas offering; March quarter for Synodical Fund. This arrangement leaves ample space for new and special work authorized by the Executive Committee, and will greatly assist our Treasurer in her bookkeeping.

(6) *Thirtieth Anniversary.* The appeal for the Thirtieth Anniversary Fund has been before us since the February number of our magazine, and all should be familiar with its purpose. Gifts for this special work are to be reported to our Synodical Treasurer and carried by our official delegate, Mrs. O. H. Gruver, to Dixon convention.

(7) *Traveling Expenses to Biennial Conventions.* We recommend that this convention authorize its official delegate to the coming convention at Dixon, Ill., to vote in favor of a proposed measure to be adopted whereby the General Society will pay the traveling expenses of Synodical delegates to biennial conventions from its own treasury and from a special fund to be inaugurated.

(8) *Even Dollar Plan.* Attention is again called to the plan adopted by General Society for remitting money to Synodical Treasurer in *even dollars*. Not all societies have observed the rule, but we hope these may soon fall into line with those who are trying to simplify work for our General Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Miss Stuber. (See page 43.)

The Treasurer's report was read, and showed an increase in receipts. (See pages 44 and 45.)

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Name and Address of Corresponding Secretary.	Total, not including Life Members.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	The King's Message.	Home Department.
Redlands	1905	Mrs. Ida M. Pike, R. F. D. No. 1	26	21	5	....	8	11	25	....
Los Angeles	1887	Mrs. H. Trautwein, 483 Hartford Avenue	33	33	....	....	3	25	....	....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1908	Mrs. J. W. Ball, 1170 W. 36th Place	14	14	....	....	....	3	....	1
San Diego	1893	Miss Laura M. Yost, 1031 22d Street	22	22	....	....	2	14	....	....
San Bernardino	1907	Mrs. O. J. Valentine, 666 Fifth Street	18	18	....	....	....	6	....	....
San José	1892	Mrs. E. L. Patterson, 322 N. 7th Street	12	12	....	....	....	6	....	25
Oakland	1895	Miss Rose Flathman, 867 Adeline Street	20	6	....	14	1	12	....	....
Sacramento, First English	1892	Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, 1415 18th Street	14	13	1	....	2	10	....	....
Sacramento, German	1892	Mrs. J. Ochsner, 1400 K Street	122	100	14	8	3	15	....	....
Riverside	1897	Miss Ela Danielson, 163 S. Madison Street	21	16	5	....	1	8	....	....
Pasadena	1904	Mrs. Agnes King, 246 N. Madison Avenue	24	18	6	....	....	6	....	....
San Francisco, German	1895	Miss Bertha Küner, 581 Dolores Street	41	41	....	....	....	4	....	....
San Francisco, English	1891	Mrs. H. C. Jensen, 516 Cole Street	17	17	....	....	....	3	....	....
Santa Barbara	1907	No report (disbanded)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Young People's Societies.										
Pasadena Y. W. M. S.			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Riverside Helpers' Circle, Luther League			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Redlands Helpers' Circle, Luther League			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sacramento German Auxiliary			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sacramento English Auxiliary			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Children's Bands.										
Los Angeles A. F. C. M. Band			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals			384	331	31	22	20	123	25	26

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report of W. H. and F. M Society of California for 1908 and 1909.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	India Hospital Bed.	May Memorial Fund.	Long Beach Mission.	India Nursery Fund.	South Omaha Mission.	Christmas Offering for San Bernardino.	Thank-Offering.	Offering at Mrs. Breckenridge and Mrs. Shaffer Meetings.	Education of a Girl in India.	Life Membership.	Thirtieth Anniversary Fund.	Synodical Fund and Tracts.	Total.
Balance, March 20th, 1908													$66 15	$66 15
Offering at Convention, May 6th and 7th, 1908													8 75	8 75
Offering at Southern Conference, Nov. 4th, 1908													3 80	3 80
Los Angeles (First Church)	$35 00	$6 00	$2 00				$10 00	$60 00	$11 62				7 75	132 37
Los Angeles (A. F. C. Mission Band)	11 85	2 75					10 00	33 90		$10 00				68 50
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	9 60												3 75	13 35
Oakland	11 10							8 12	8 00				2 50	29 72
Pasadena	8 00	2 20		$3 00			5 00	7 00	9 00				4 25	38 45
Pasadena (Y. W. M. S.)	2 00													2 00
Redlands	16 00	6 00		5 00			10 00	50 00	5 00				5 25	97 25
Redlands (Helpers' Circle of Luther League)	6 25													6 25
Riverside	16 00	4 40			$3 20		10 00	16 63	5 63			$5 00	5 50	66 36
Riverside (Helpers' Circle of Luther League)	3 56													3 56
Sacramento (English)	7 00	3 00			2 00	$3 00	4 00	8 00	3 00				3 00	33 00
Sacramento (English C. E.)	1 00													1 00
Sacramento (German)	92 00	18 00		2 50		5 00	10 00	25 00	5 00		$10 00		15 25	182 75
Sacramento (German C. E.)	10 00													10 00
San Bernardino	5 50	3 00		2 65				16 45		1 35			2 50	31 45
San Diego	7 00	3 00						20 00	4 50				2 00	36 50
San Francisco (First English)	17 75	3 25						4 15	13 20				3 00	41 35
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	20 60								8 60				25	29 45
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	22 05	5 50							10 10				5 25	42 90
Sanger									5 75					5 75
San José	6 00	3 00						12 00	4 05				6 25	31 30
Santa Barbara	6 00	1 20					2 00	2 00						11 20
"A Member of St. Mark's," Los Angeles								2 00						2 00
"A Friend," Los Angeles							2 00							2 00
Amount received	$314 26	$61 30	$2 00	$13 15	$5 20	$8 00	$63 00	$265 25	$93 45	$11 35	$10 00	$5 00	$145 20	$997 16
Amount remitted	314 26	61 30	2 00	13 15	5 20	8 00	63 00	265 25	93 45	11 35	10 00	5 00		851 96
Amount in Treasury														

Financial Report, 1908 and 1909.

Receipts.

March 20th, 1908. To balance		$66 15
May 6th and 7th, 1908. Offerings at Convention		8 75
November 4th, 1908. Offerings at Southern Conference	$3 80	
General Fund	314 26	
Thank-offering	265 25	
Christmas Offering	63 00	
India Bed Fund	61 30	
May Memorial Fund	2 00	
Long Beach Mission	13 15	
India Nursery Fund	5 20	
South Omaha Mission	8 00	
Education of Girl in India	11 35	
Life Membership	10 00	
Mrs. B. and S. Meetings	93 45	
Thirtieth Anniversary Fund	5 00	
From Synodical Fund	66 50	
		922 26
		$997 16

Expenditures.

Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer:		
By General Fund	$314 26	
By Thank-offering	265 25	
By Christmas Offering	63 00	
By India Bed Fund	61 30	
By May Memorial Fund	2 00	
By Long Beach Mission	13 15	
By India Nursery Fund	5 20	
By South Omaha Mission	8 00	
By Education of a Girl in India	11 35	
By Life Membership	10 00	
By Mrs. B. and S. Meetings	93 45	
		$846 96
Mrs. O. H. Gruver, Delegate:		
By Thirtieth Anniversary Fund		5 00
Synodical Expenses:		
By Printing Programs	4 00	
By President's Traveling Expenses	11 30	
By Corresponding Secretary	4 00	
By Thank-offering Secretary	1 25	
By Literature Committee	2 55	
By Treasurer	4 50	
		27 60
By balance		117 60
		$997 16

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. REIMER, *Treasurer.*

The reports of the Literature Committee and the Thank-offering Secretary were received and were encouraging.

The report of the Historian was read by Miss Stuber.

The President then appointed her committees as follows:

President's Address, Reports, Papers and Letters—Miss Stuber and Mrs. Schneider.

Auditing—Mrs. Gruver and Mrs. Schneider.

Resolutions—Miss Stuber and Mrs. Gruver.

Reporter for Church Papers—Miss Stuber.

An offering was received of $2.45. After the benediction, Miss Lizzie Scharton favored the convention with a vocal solo.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. R. J. Roehmer.

Two addresses were made, one by Rev. W. E. Crouser in English, and the other by Rev. H. Gehrcke in German. After these, Rev. C. F. Oehler urged upon the women of Fresno to organize a missionary society.

The offering of the evening was $11.06.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 9.30 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Gruver.

Roll was called and the minutes read.

The following papers were read before the society:

Our General Society—What It Has Done and Is Doing.

Selfish indeed is that soul who does not in its better moments, at least, long to render some real service to its fellow-creatures. Dissatisfaction steals into the heart of the woman who realizes that in all her comings and goings, in all the many engagements and interests that fill her time and thought, self only is served. When even the service reaches to one's church, there come times when one sits in her comfortable pew, among similar well-dressed people,

amid surroundings satisfying to the most critical taste, when some living word of Scripture or some earnest word of her pastor brings to her ear, in this quiet religious world, a faint murmur of the wail of human souls "that are without" in their sin and misery and degradation. She asks herself this one question, "How much does my life count in the stupendous work of winning the world for Christ?" The whole work can never be done by a few, it needs the united efforts of all to make each society successful. The strength of a society is to be measured by the strength of its volunteer working force, and each worker should feel the responsibility of definite work.

The Woman's Missionary Society has become a very important factor in the Home Missionary work. By its co-operation with the Mission Boards of our Church important fields have been occupied, and the gospel preached in many needy places. Its object is to cultivate a missionary spirit, and to create a deeper interest in the spread of the gospel. Notwithstanding the limited means at the disposal of our Executive Committee during the thirty years since its organization at Canton, Ohio, this society has done a noble and blessed work.

The "First Woman's Memorial" was at Freeport, Ill. This mission was organized in 1881. Up to 1905 the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society had established thirty missions, mostly in California. General recognition is made of the great benefits the Missionary Society has conferred upon the Church by the impetus it has given to all departments of missionary work, whilst the reflex influence upon the women themselves cannot be estimated. In the General Society there are twenty-three Synodical Societies, comprising 571 Woman's Societies. There are in the Woman's Societies 15,284 members. The amount of money contributed during the two years ending March, 1905, was $60,791.44. This does not include the Silver Jubilee offering made at the Springfield Convention, which amounted to $28,897.31. The total amount contributed since the organization of the Society is $506,678.66. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of the General Fund, and the necessity of making liberal contributions to it, as it is from this that all money is drawn to pay our missionaries at home and abroad, those who act as teachers and Bible women in the foreign field. In November of each year a special Thank-offering is collected, and each member is expected to hand in her mite. This money is appropriated to the General Fund. Special objects are proposed by the Executive Committee. The officers of every Synodical society should make some definite plan for collecting the money for these. The General Society meets in convention every two years. This convention is the highest authority, and has the governing power in the society. It is composed of one delegate from each Synodical society, and every auxiliary society may also send one delegate. Life members are also members of the General Convention. The Synodical society meets in convention every year, and each auxiliary is expected to send one or two delegates, with a report of the work of the year.

During the interim between the biennial convention the administrative power of the society is vested in an Executive Committee of thirteen women, living in or near the same place. The present committee meets in Springfield, Ohio, the second Thursday of every month. They manage the affairs of the society, and disburse the funds in co-operation with the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension, in all matters pertaining to the selection of missionaries and the location of mission fields, reserving the right to designate the manner in which the funds of the society shall be appropriated.

Our foreign work is in Southern India and on the west coast of Africa. Our stations in India are Guntur and Narasarowpet, and in Africa, Muhlenburg, near Liberia.

In India the society employs ten lady missionaries in the mission field of our Church, with headquarters at Guntur. In Africa we have one missionary. Our medical work in India is in charge of Dr. Kugler, who has charge of the hospital for women and children in Guntur ; a fine, well-equipped building, with the best modern appliances for the practice of medicine and surgery. Miss Katharine Fahs is head nurse, and has charge of the training school for nurses. Since its establishment ten young women have been trained for this important work.

The zenana work is in charge of Miss Anna E. Sanford, with nine native assistants. This most useful branch of our work consists in visiting and teaching the women of the better classes in their homes. There are in all 182 pupils. There are seventeen girls' schools, with 914 pupils. In the Industrial School handsome embroidery is taught, and the work of the women is sold for the support of the school. These women are paid a small amount and thus are enabled to earn a living, at the same time receiving religious instruction. Large quantities of this beautiful work has been sold in India and America. The Bible is taught in the schools, and all are assembled for prayer at the beginning of the day's work.

The relation of woman to our church work is well worth consideration. What is wanted is the development of Christian character. Does the Woman's Missionary Society aid, retard or prevent such development? You do not want merely what are sometimes called "the passive virtues"—gentleness, meekness, humility, patience and forgiveness. All these are admirable in their place, but it is by positive force of character in the Lord Himself, reverently be it spoken, that the world is to be educated and carried forward. What is wanted of the typical Christian woman is the utmost development of the positive feminine moral force in spirit and in life. Conscientiousness, for example. Woman has that in a far greater degree than man naturally. It is the office of woman in the world to assist man to live as he ought. Woman has been said to be the conscience of the world, and that is profoundly true. Her moral intuition is clearer, her moral affection apt to be the sweeter and more powerful.

Then sympathy in the heart of woman comes nearest to the heart of Christ, sympathy for the erring, the sick and suffering, the poor and down-trodden, sympathy even for the sinful if they be penitent. The Church needs the development and use of this power, as material interests attract men's thoughts and absorb to themselves the active affairs of society.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has made a good record, but the opportunities are great and the calls are loud for enlarged work and more workers. Many earnest, faithful ones are giving their money, their time and their best endeavors to this work, but there is cause for regret that the failure of such large numbers of women of the Church to unite in it retards the work and prevents greater achievements. "Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

MRS. O. H. GRUVER.

SYMPOSIUM ON OUR FUNDS.

General Fund.

What fund creates the General Fund, and what objects are supported by it? The General Fund, as the name implies, is the whole fund, created by or made up of all membership fees, including honorary, life and cradle-roll; also the thank-offering and the interest from invested funds.

From this General Fund we pay all salaries in the home and foreign field, the budget allowance in India, two training schools, two boarding schools, two industrial schools, the hospital and dispensaries, the zenana work, sixteen Hindu girls' schools, and a number of Sunday schools, any balance needed in the African budget, and any deficiency which may occur in special objects.

On the General Fund depends our very existence, for as our General Fund increases or diminishes, so the possibility of our work increases or diminishes in direct proportion.

As this is an undisputed fact you can readily see the great necessity of supporting not only those objects which make up the General Fund, but also in meeting our full apportionment in all special objects.

As the membership is such an important factor in the General Fund, it is our duty to pay promptly; and it has been suggested that each auxiliary pay according to enrollment. That is, if at the end of the Synodical year there is any member who has forgotten her privilege, as well as her duty, let the society pay the amount due to the General Fund out of the Contingent Fund; then look after those members who have not paid, and remind them of their duty. If they are unable to pay, let your society carry them until they feel that they can pay. Do not let them lose interest in your society. Never, under any circumstances, lose a member if it is possible to avoid it. A member once lost is usually lost forever.

Encourage interest in your Thank-offering; make it a daily thank-offering, and see how the blessings multiply as the little boxes increase in weight.

Keep a watchful eye on all your funds and see that they are not diverted to some outside object; just as worthy, possibly, as those for which you have pledged your support. This may be especially hard when the need in our home church is pressing, and we as a society have been appealed to for aid. It may seem to us just and right to use at least a portion of our funds for the desired purpose, especially if our collections are a little better than usual. But this money has been given for missions, and for a special purpose, and it must not be diverted from its specified channels.

What does the diverting of our funds mean, in its relation to our general work? It means a shrinkage in the General Fund, and all the work supported by this Fund suffers proportionately. Your Executive Board is unable to keep its promised pledges. Somewhere some auxiliary has diverted its funds. There is not sufficient in the treasury, or General Fund, to meet the demands upon it, consequently the work must be curtailed along all lines. The salaries must be cut down.

What does this mean to our missionaries in the home and foreign field? To our home missionary, whom we have sent to the hard places in this land of ours? What does it mean to him to have his already inadequate salary cut probably to one-half? It means more sacrifice, more self-denial, not only for him, but for his wife and children, who have barely the necessities of life. Perhaps it means that all his efforts have been in vain. He must abandon the mission, perhaps those for whom he has labored and sacrificed so much may be irrevocably lost, not only to the Lutheran Church but forever.

The foreign field is affected almost the same way. The work that has been planned for and begun must be left unfinished, and our missionaries probably recalled. The sick must go unattended and uncared for; the heathen child untaught; the heathen mother left to her misery—because we have diverted our funds, forgotten to pay our dues, have not supported the special objects, have not kept our pledges. We have not held up their hands.

Our missions are wholly dependent on us. The work in both home and foreign field is more than we can do; more than we have funds to do with; and it is only by increasing our General Fund annually that we can hope to lengthen the cords of our tent, to the future development of our Church, ourselves and our beloved missionary work.

[Taken in part from the symposium on "Our Funds," presented at the Philadelphia Convention, 1907.]

MRS. CHARLES DOCKSTADER.

The Thank-Offering.

Considering the thank-offering simply as one of the phases of our missionary endeavor, it would be enough to say that it is a free-will offering taken annually, provision being made for it by the distribution of thank-offering boxes.

These boxes are collected in the month of November, usually at a public service for which special preparation is made.

The sum collected by all of the societies is paid into the General Fund, to be used for the support and extension of our work according to the discretion of our executive officers.

This simple statement carries with it a world of meaning.

If the giver had no other thought than that it was simply one of the many occasions upon which she was expected to give, it would still remain a fact that the General Fund was increased and more work accomplished.

But it may be asked, and, in fact, it is very often asked, "How do you know where your money goes or where it is spent?" We know that our Church is strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ; we know that our missionaries are devoted to His cause; we know that hospitals, schools and churches are being established, that the sick are cared for, the ignorant taught, the hopeless and despairing given hope and joy, and the poor have the gospel of Jesus preached to them.

But the thank-offering means more than this; it means something to the giver. It may be really a meagre offering given by one whose house is more than comfortably furnished, whose clothing is expensive, whose table is daily set extravagantly, and whose entire surroundings are pleasant with the comforts that money can buy, but she places her offering in the box almost with irritation, thinking there are so many calls to give.

Or it may be, as I have known it to be, quite a large offering, made by one in humble circumstances, one who has never known rest from toil, who dresses plainly, who knows nothing of what the world calls pleasure, but whose every offering is a thank-offering, and whose thank-offering seems so small compared with her desire to give. With her offering goes a prayer for the poor, suffering ones who need so much the gospel of Jesus.

Our giving is always measured by what the gospel means to us. It was said of a young woman that she gave more than she could afford to give, and it was meant by this that she was not able to dress as stylishly as most young women in her position would dress. With her it was a question of dressing plainly or not giving, and she chose to give. If, in that great day when she shall stand before the Judge of all the earth, He should turn to her and say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"—it will not matter much to her how plainly she was dressed, but it would matter much to her if she had chosen the dress and He should say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

I heard a noted evangelist say, not long ago, that the Lord asks nothing of

us that we cannot do. If He did, He would be like a father who would ask his child to do an impossible thing and put him to death for not doing it. The Lord Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." When the meaning of this commandment begins to enter into our souls and the desire to live up to its requirement takes hold upon our lives, our hearts will go out in earnest longing to help our neighbor far and near to come into a true knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will use every effort to crush out in our very midst the soul-destroying doctrines of Christian Science, Unitarianism, Theosophy, and every other teaching that is anti-Christ, and we will not forget the far-off countries filled with every form of vice and suffering, and whose only hope is the saving, joyous gospel of Jesus.

It seems strange—beyond comprehension—that any woman with intelligence enough to understand the simplest facts should not be a Christian and devoted to the teaching of the gospel, for it is this alone that has lifted womankind in any land out of degradation and despair that is beyond expression.

When the truths of life enter into our souls, and the gospel of Jesus becomes a vital part of our lives, every offering will become a thank-offering, and every thank-offering will be increased a hundredfold.

MRS. E. W. SAX.

The Patron and Protege Work.

The Patron and Protégé Work relates, as its name indicates, to the education of girls in our schools in India and Africa, including also the support of native helpers in India and Africa. The patrons are societies, woman's or young people's bands, or friends. The protégés are the girls in our schools in India or Africa. By the payment of $25.00 a year in the Synodical treasury a pupil is supported. These offerings are listed by the General Treasurer, under the heads of "Support of Girls' School in India," and "Support of E. V. Day Memorial School, Africa." Since the young people's movement has been given more prominence under the leadership of a special Secretary, these objects have been selected as fitting work for the young people's societies, by dividing them up in shares of $5.00 each.

The splendid results of the past have revealed the wisdom of this excellent plan; first, the stimulus gained by giving the young people something definite to do; second, the popular sum of $5.00 puts the work in reach of all; and third, the best reason of all, the training of our young people to give for the sake of the cause, and in the spirit of "Inasmuch as ye have done unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." The Patron and Protégé Work, of which Miss Alice L. Gaumer has had charge, is one of the special chains of our work, linking the girls in our schools in India and Africa with friends in this country.

The support and training of these protégés, properly conducted, is an

infallible means of convincing these benighted people of darkest Africa and India that Christianity is just what it claims to be, "unselfish love." Ye are the light of the world. What wonderful opportunities for Christian service, an opportunity to save a soul, a life. Thousands of girls must perish unless kind hearts provide the means whereby they can be educated and trained for a life of service in Christ's vineyard, helping the chain to grow stronger and longer each year.

MRS. H. TRAUTWEIN.

Meeting adjourned, with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2.30 P. M.

Devotional service in German by Miss Stuber.

Rev. C. F. Oehler was present, and, with Miss Stuber's assistance, they organized a missionary society in the Wartburg Church, numbering forty-five members.

At the delegates' hour each of the following societies presented reports to the convention:

Los Angeles (First), San Francisco (First), San Francisco (St. Andrew's), Oakland, San Diego, Sacramento (English), Sacramento (German), San José, San Bernardino, Pasadena, Riverside, Redlands, and the Helpers' Circle of Redlands.

The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's report correct, and announced one new life member for this year.

The Secretary's report has been found correct.

The Literature Committee has accomplished faithful work for the past year.

The Corresponding Secretary's report has been found correct.

The Thank-offering Committee reports an increase over the previous year's offerings of $38.20. It also recommends that each society in the State engage in the work of the Thank-offering Department.

The Historian's report shows a great interest in gathering a complete file of the Minutes of the conventions of the General Society. The thanks of the society are due Mrs. Sullivan, of

Albany, N. Y., for the autograph copy of *Lutheran Woman's Work* of 1908.

The report of the Committee on President's Address, Papers and Reports is as follows:

Report of Committee on President's Address, Papers and Reports.

The President's address shows conscientious work and careful attention to details. We commend it as a whole to our societies for earnest perusal, and urge immediate attention to recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

The papers on "Our General Society—What it has Done and Is Doing," by Mrs. Gruver; "The General Fund," by Mrs. Dockstader; "The Thank-offering," by Mrs. Sax; "Patron and Protégé Work," by Mrs. Trautwein, were all so good that we have asked for the privilege of printing them in the minutes, that they may be read by all our auxiliaries.

Respectfully submitted, MISS KATE J. STUBER,
MRS. SCHNEIDER.

Adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

WHEREAS, Our work has been so greatly blessed in the fact that our total contribution has been the greatest ever received, and also that three Young People's Societies—those of Pasadena, Riverside and Sacramento (English)—have come into our ranks:

1. *Resolved*, That, recognizing God as the source of all the good we have received, we pledge ourselves anew to His service, and that we endeavor to do greater things for Him in the future than in the past.

2. *Resolved*, That we express to the Executive Committee of the General Society our great appreciation of their kindness in sending their President, Mrs. Breckenridge, and their Secretary, Mrs. Shaffer, to visit our churches. Our hearts were cheered and gladdened by their words of encouragement, and we are sure that their visit will be productive of much good.

3. *Resolved*, That we express our heartfelt appreciation of the hospitality extended the convention by Rev. and Mrs. Roehmer and the members of the Wartburg congregation of Fresno.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. O. H. GRUVER,
MISS KATE J. STUBER.

Adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted. (See page 38.)

The following bills were ordered paid :

To President, for stationery, postage, etc	$5 00
To President, for 200 programs	3 00
To delegates' expenses to General Convention	70 00
To Mrs. Reimer for Treasurer's book	1 40
To Corresponding Secretary, for stationery and stamps	2 50
To Vice-President, for traveling expenses	10 10
To Treasurer of California Synod, for extra printing	10 00
To Treasurer, for expenses throughout year	4 00
To expressage on Treasurer's book to Riverside	45
Total	$106 45

The minutes were then read and accepted.

Closing prayer was offered by Miss Stuber, and all united in the missionary benediction.

The convention adjourned to meet April 6th, 1910, in St. Matthew's Church in San Francisco.

MRS. O. H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate :

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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Number.	Place.	Date.	President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Pastors Enrolled.	Churches Enrolled.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine, Ph. D	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San José	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1910-1911.

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Rev. J. E. HOICK.

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Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. C. W. WEISER, Rev. W. J. ROEHMER,
Rev. A. JATHO.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Rev. W. R. SWICKARD, Rev. C. S. ARMSTRONG, Ph. D.,
Rev. R. W. MOTTERN.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

Rev. J. E. HOICK, Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN,
Rev. W. E. CROUSER.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. S. W. YOUNG, Rev. D. J. SNYDER,
Rev. J. J. CHAMBERS.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—San Diego, Cal., First Church.
Time—May 2d, 1911.

PROGRAM OF SYNOD.

(*Alternates in parenthesis.*)

Half-hour Devotional Service each morning.

Exposition of Sermon on the Mount—REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, SC. D., D. D. (REV. H. J. WEAVER.)

Tuesday Evening. Synodical Communion.

Sermon by REV. P. W. H. FREDERICK. (REV. J. H. BALL, PH. D.)

Wednesday Afternoon. Sunday School Institute.

"The Importance of the Sunday School." Paper by MR. H. A. GETZ.
"The Organization of the Sunday School." Paper by Mr. B. I. VALENTINE.

Wednesday Evening.

"The Ideal School." Address by REV. C. S. ARMSTRONG, PH. D.
"The Ideal Teacher." Address by REV. H. S. FEIX.

Thursday Afternoon. Article XII. Augsburg Confession.

Paper by REV. C. F. OEHLER. (REV. J. W. ROEHMER.)

Thursday Evening. Missionary Service.

In charge of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Friday Afternoon. Catechisation and Evangelization.

Paper by REV. G. H. HILLERMAN. (REV. J. J. CHAMBERS.)

Friday Evening. The Evangelization of the World.

Address by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. (REV. J. E. HOICK.)

Sunday Morning. Morning Worship.

REV. O. H. GRUVER. (REV. W. E. CROUSER.)

Sunday Evening. Evening Worship.

REV. R. W. MOTTERN. (REV. C. W. WEISER.)

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FIRST SESSION.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1910.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the California Synod assembled in St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church of San Francisco, Rev. Herman Gehrcke, pastor, on the afternoon of April 5th, 1910.

After the regular order of public worship conducted by the officers of Synod, the convention was called to order by President Oscar H. Gruver.

The roll of clerical delegates was called and the lay delegates enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Name of Delegate.
1	Silas W. Young	1868	1903	Salinas, 230 Riker St	Salinas, Our Saviour	C. P. Mueller, *a. e.*
2	John Gutleben	1870	1905	Sanger, Cal.	Sanger, St. Paul's.	
3	Jacob C. Moser, *a*	1877	1892	Washington, D. C., 1107 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.		
4	Winfield S. Hoskinson, D. D., *a. e.*	1879	1891	Sacramento, 1415 18th St	Sacramento, First	F. W. Chapman.
5	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	Alameda, 1030 Santa Clara Ave.	Alameda, Christ	H. C. Hacke.
6	J. C. Pedersen, *a. e.*	1881	1906	Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Africa.		
7	L. C. Routzahn, *a*	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande.		
8	Michael F. Rinker	1885	1908	La Crescenta.		
9	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1322 Adeline St.	San Francisco, St. Andrew's.	Ernst Jatho.
10	Charles F. Oehler	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1207 K St.	Sacramento, German	James Popert.
11	William Brandes	1889	1896	Alameda, 1120 Grand St.		
12	James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., *a. e.*	1891	1908	Pasadena, 500 Del Rosa Drive.		
13	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1893	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	San Francisco, St. Matthew's.	John Bouns.
14	Oscar H. Gruver	1892	1904	Oakland, 825½ 19th St	Oakland, First	J. A. Bohn.
15	William R. Swickard	1893	1908	Redlands, 32 Sonora St	Redlands, First	A. P. Crim, *a. e.*
16	John E. Hoick	1894	1898	San José, 180 E. Julian St.	San José, Grace	E. A. Petersen.
17	Herbert J. Weaver	1894	1900	Los Angeles, 1241 W. 9th St.	Los Angeles, First	H. A. Getz.
18	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St	Los Angeles, St. Mark's	J. J. Oliver, *a. e.*
19	Julius W. Romich	1895	1907	Pomona, Cal.		
20	George H. Hillerman	1896	1896	San Diego, 1140 21st St	San Diego, First	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
21	William J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno, 735 E. St	Fresno, Wartburg	Jacob Andreas.
22	James J. Chambers, *a. e.*	1896	1907	Alpaugh	Alpaugh	D. H. Horner, M. D., *a. e.*
23	R. Warren Mottern, *a. e.*	1897	1909	Riverside, 775 W. 9th St	Riverside, Trinity	J. F. Reimer, *a. e.*
24	Charles H. Armstrong, Ph. D.	1897	1909	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, Grace.	
25	William E. Crouser	1898	1902	San Francisco, 1375 Geary St	San Francisco, First	J. W. Fricke.
26	Lutz Horn, *a*	1898	1904	Switzerland.		
27	Paul W. H. Frederick	1900	1903	San Bernardino, 746 8th St	San Bernardino, First	W. C. Bond.
28	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 121 Locust Ave	Long Beach, Trinity.	
29	Charles W. Weiser	1908	1908	Pasadena, 419 N. Raymond Ave	Pasadena, Trinity	D. H. Nyce, *a. e.*

a. Absent. *e.* Excused.

Rev. J. K. Reed, of the Synod of Northern Illinois, was elected an advisory member of Synod.

The President's report was read and referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

BRETHREN AND FELLOW-WORKERS:

GREETING: Another Synodical year has come to a close, and its achievements are the records of history. We are now at the twentieth milestone of our pilgrimage. As we passed by each marker on our way to the next we scarcely realized that we were making progress. But at this period, when we take a backward glance over these twenty years, we see how far we have gone and how well we have traveled. Our strength now is greater than ever it was, and our equipment for harder climbing is the best yet. We are in the vigor of youth. We have gained experience by doing things. Let the watchword of this Twentieth Convention be "Forward, all along the line."

I herewith submit for your consideration a summary of the official acts of the President of Synod during this fiscal year.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman from Redlands, to take effect August 31st, 1909.

Rev. O. H. Gruver from Oakland, to take effect April 30th, 1910.

ADMISSIONS.

Rev. R. Warren Mottern from East Pennsylvania Synod, December 6th, 1909. His name has been enrolled.

Rev. Charles H. Armstrong, Ph. D., from Southern Illinois Synod, January 17th, 1910. His name has been enrolled.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman to San Diego, to begin September 1st, 1909.

Rev. W. R. Swickard to Redlands, to begin September 1st, 1909.

Rev. R. W. Mottern to Riverside, to begin November 1st, 1909.

Rev. C. H. Armstrong, Ph. D., to Santa Barbara, to begin December 1st, 1909.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. J. Gutleben at Sanger, April 25th, 1909, by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. W. J. Roehmer and brethren of Synod.

Rev. J. E. Hoick at San José, May 18th, 1909, by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. W. E. Crouser.

Rev. W. E. Crouser at San Francisco, First Church, June 15th, 1909, by Revs. J. E. Hoick and H. S. Feix.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman at San Diego, September 19th, 1909, by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

Rev. W. R. Swickard at Redlands, September 22d, 1909, by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

Rev. R. W. Mottern at Riverside, December 19th, 1909, by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., and Rev. J. W. Romich.

CORNER-STONE.

The First English Lutheran Church of San Bernardino laid its corner-stone Sunday afternoon, October 17th, 1909. Revs. J. W. Romich, W. R. Swickard and H. J. Weaver assisted the pastor, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

DEDICATION.

The First English Lutheran Church of San Bernardino, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, pastor, was dedicated to the worship of the Triune God on Sunday, March 6th, 1910. Rev. W. R. Swickard, of Redlands, made the first address in the morning, followed by Rev. G. H. Hillerman, of San Diego. In the evening Rev. H. J. Weaver, of Los Angeles, preached the sermon. The church is of English Gothic style, and will seat about 300 persons. It cost in all $4,303.00, exclusive of the lot, which cost $2,000.00. The total indebtedness is $2,825.00.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Sacramento, First English, bought a new piano.

Alpaugh has begun the building of a new church.

San Francisco, First, paid $1,084.00 on debt.

Los Angeles, First, paid $962.00 on debt.

Los Angeles, St. Mark's, received new pulpit chairs, blackboard, communion tray and carpet for side aisles. Paid $307.00 on debt.

San Francisco, St. Matthew's, placed new furniture in the Sunday school room. Paid $926.00 on debt.

San Francisco, St. Andrew's, paid $700.00 on debt.

Pasadena added two gas stoves, an electric chandelier and a lecturn lamp. Paid $358.00 on debt.

Oakland placed a new desk in the Sunday school room.

Long Beach has begun the building of a new church and paid $675.00 on debt.

San José bought a new communion service, new books of worship and a new sign board. Paid $105.00 on debt.

Sanger erected a new church bell.

Santa Barbara paid $2,231.00 on debt by selling part of church lot.

Salinas ceiled the Sunday school room, fenced the church lot, bought organ and made other repairs costing $50.00. Paid $245.00 on debt.

Sacramento, German, purchased a new lot 120 feet square for $21,000.00 on which to erect a new church edifice. It is seven blocks from the present church site, which is to be sold. In cash and subscriptions the congregation has $25,000.00 available for building.

ALPAUGH CHURCH LOT.

Following out the instructions of Synod at its last convention (See Minutes, page 25), $185.00 was paid to the First Lutheran Church of Alpaugh to purchase lots for a church building. The deed for the same, properly attested and recorded, is now in the hands of the President of Synod as security for this amount.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE.

After the adjournment of Synod last year it was learned that Rev. C. W. Weiser, of Pasadena, would be in Seattle, Wash., at the time of the meeting of Pacific Synod at Tacoma, Wash., June 16th to 19th, 1909. I, therefore, appointed him to bear the fraternal greetings of California Synod to the Pacific Synod.

ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In reply to the overture of our Synod regarding the salaries of the missionaries (See Minutes, page 32), the following action was taken by the Executive Committee: "It is the judgment of the Executive Committee that no rule can be laid down for all missions. Conditions are so different that each mission must stand upon its own needs. That, while the committee approves of an increase in the salaries of its missionaries, it is not willing to bind itself to any fixed sum."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Twentieth Anniversary.—It has seemed well to mark the twentieth anniversary of the organization of our Synod by a special service. The Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., the only member of this convention who helped at the organization of Synod in 1891 in Los Angeles, has been asked to make the anniversary address on Wednesday evening. The three surviving laymen who participated in forming this organization have been specially invited to attend this service as the guests of Synod.

A Visit Among the Churches.—On September 16th, 1909, the

President began a ten days' tour of the churches of the Southern Conference. He met with the congregations of the vacant churches, and had conferences with all the pastors, helping to install Rev. Hillerman at San Diego and Rev. Swickard at Redlands. He also visited the Alpaugh congregation and met in conference with the members. At the same time he arranged for a service with the Lutherans at Porterville. The visit showed all the churches to be in a prosperous condition.

Special Bay Cities Fund.—This was referred to in the President's report of the last convention of Synod (See Minutes, page 10). In August, 1909, this money came into the hands of the President. He placed it in bank. Two amounts of $25.00 each have been paid out of this fund to Rev. W. R. Swickard for work done in Berkeley. The balance of $250.00 is at the disposal of Synod, subject to the conditions of the grant.

Representatives from the Boards.—Efforts were made to have one or more of the Boards of our Church send representatives to this convention of Synod, but without success. It would seem that if these Boards had the hearty interest in our work they should have, and if they would co-operate among themselves so as to be represented at Synod in rotation, no convention would need to pass by without a representative of one of the Boards being present. But if they will not recognize our conventions of Synod by sending their representatives, as all other Synods are recognized by them, then it is high time for this self-respecting body to act in self-defense.

Elections.—It will be necessary for this convention to elect delegates to the next convention of the General Synod, namely, three clerical and three lay; also an editor for the *California Lutheran,* if that paper is to be continued; likewise a Theological Seminary Committee, if the seminary is to become a reality. Provision, too, must be made for the appointment or election of an Archivist. New officers of Synod will also need to be elected.

CONCLUSION.

This convention of Synod, now begun, is a most important one. Some vital matters will come before us that will require the combined judgment of all delegates and God's guiding grace to help in their proper disposition. The future usefulness and progress of our Synod and Church in this State are involved in these hard problems which call for a solution at this time. They are all of a home mission character, and may be summed up as follows: the problem of the seminary and the problem of new missions. The semi-

nary is in jeopardy; new missions are pastorless. May the Holy Spirit guide us into the right consideration of these and other problems.

Thanking you for the confidence you placed in me as President, I now return to you my trust.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Treasurer, P. S. Leisenring, M. D., and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix A.)

Reception of letters, papers and reports.

The following committees were appointed:

Committees.

President's Report—Frederick, Young.
Minutes of Conferences—Feix, Snyder.
Minutes of Other Synods—Ball, Rinker.
Excuse and Leave of Absence—Hillerman, Brandes.
Budget of Traveling Expenses—Jatho, Roehmer.
Letters and Papers—Swickard, Gehrcke.
Auditing Treasurer's Books—Fricke, Bouns.
Auditing California Lutheran Accounts—Getz, Popert.
Sunday School Work—Armstrong, Weaver.
Young People's Societies—Weiser, Romich.
Lutheran Brotherhood—Getz, E. Jatho.
Layman's Missionary Movement—Bohn, Leisenring.
Resolutions—Oehler, Crouser.
Necrology—Hoick, Weaver.
Observer—Crouser; *World*—Weiser; *Zionsbote*—Gutleben.

On motion, the time for the sessions of Synod was fixed as follows: Morning session 9.00 A. M., 12.00 M.; afternoon session, 2.00 P. M. to 5 P. M.; evening session, 7.45 P. M.

The members of Synod were invited by the First English Lutheran Church of the city, through Pastor W. E. Crouser, to be their guests on Wednesday evening from 5.15 to 7.15 o'clock. On motion, the invitation was accepted with the thanks of Synod.

Announcements.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of love and sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., in view of the serious illness of their daughter, Ruth. The motion was adopted by a rising vote and prayer was offered by Rev. Herbert J. Weaver.

It was moved and carried that the necrological report be substituted for the address during the devotional hour Wednesday morning, the devotional service thus being made a memorial service. The Necrological Committee was increased by the addition of Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, the understanding being that the service be in honor of G. G. Burnett, Phar. D., and Rev. C. W. Heisler, D. D., one of the founders of the Synod.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. W. Romich.

EVENING SERVICE.

The evening service included the sermon of the President, Rev. O. H. Gruver, from the text at John 6:68, the theme being, "Back to Christ," also the Synodical communion, conducted by the President and Secretary of Synod.

Pastor Herman Gehrcke delivered a cordial address of welcome to the Synod and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. E. Crouser in the absence of Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D. Addresses on the death of Rev. C. W. Heisler, D. D., founder of the First Church of Los Angeles, and one of the founders of the Synod were delivered by Rev. H. J. Weaver and Mr. H. A. Getz. An obituary of G. G. Burnett, Phar. D., was presented by Rev. J. E. Hoick, Chairman of the

Necrological Committee. Addresses were made by Mr. J. W. Fricke, P. S. Leisenring, M. D., and Rev. W. E. Crouser. (See report of committee.)

Synod was called to order by the President. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

On motion, it was ordered that in the pro-rating of the traveling expenses of the clerical members of Synod, expenses for sleeper be included.

The report of *The California Lutheran* was presented by the editor and business manager, Rev. H. S. Feix; and, on motion, was referred to the Auditing Committee on *The California Lutheran.*

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Last Convention of Synod was presented by Rev. A. Jatho and adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

Your committee have examined the protocol, comparing it with the original minutes and the printed minutes. We find the protocol well written and indexed. In the printed minutes we find the following omission:

"EVENING SESSION, FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

"The evening service was devoted to Home Missions. Two addresses were delivered, the one in English by Rev. D. J. Snyder, on 'Our Prospects'; the other in German by Rev. C. F. Oehler, on 'Our Hindrances.'" (Page 109 in Protocol.)

Respectfully submitted, J. J. CHAMBERS,
A. JATHO,
W. J. ROEHMER.

Report of Committee on Historical Records.

Your Committee on Historical Records would report that in their judgment it is not wise to cumber our minutes with a detailed record of our individual congregations. A file of the minutes of California Synod will furnish practically all the data of such a character that is needed by anyone who is sufficiently interested to examine into the matter.

If Synod deems it advisable, the Archivist, or some other person, could be delegated to systematize this material and file it with the other records of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Adopted.

Report of the Necrological Committee.

Dr. G. G. Burnett, one of the most prominent Lutheran laymen on the Pacific slope, and one of the most widely known and dearly beloved men of the whole church, fell asleep in Jesus, December 22d, 1909. The death of this good man is deserving of more than passing notice, and we desire to place on record our high appreciation of departed brother as a consecrated Christian, a loyal Lutheran and a conscientious citizen.

As a Christian, his was a whole-hearted and joyous service. There was a reality to his religion which ever rang true. It filled his own heart and then overflowed beneficently upon others. His home was an ideal Christian abode, where love, gentleness and sympathy abounded. It was a home of prayer, where from the family altar supplication unfailingly ascended. It was a hospitable home, in which the stranger received a most hearty welcome; and on numerous occasions, the pastor sojourning in the city, enjoyed royal entertainment.

As a church member he was faithful and devoted. The interests of the First Church of San Francisco, with which he was identified since 1890, ever elicited his most cordial co-operation, and to it he gave himself with unstinted liberality and unflinching loyalty. In 1892 he was elected as Elder and served in this capacity until called to his reward. For a number of years he was a director of the National Home for the Aged, and numerous benevolent agencies of the church at large were both in life and death the recipients of his generosity.

At the annual conventions of our California Synod, also at eight meetings of the General Synod at which he was our Synodical delegate, his enthusiastic fervor and judicious counsels warmed and cheered every heart. We shall greatly miss his optimistic words and his inspiring fellowship.

Not only in the deliberative assembly was he prominently identified with the work of our church, but as a practical helper as well. Up and down through the whole church he went in company with his devoted wife, gratuitously giving illustrated lectures for the benefit of needy congregations. Churches, that can be numbered by the hundreds, were aided in this manner by these devoted servants of the Lord, who thus were given the soubriquet of "The Traveling Missionaries."

While placing on record the noteworthy achievements of this consecrated co-worker, we also desire to bear testimony to our beloved brother as a friend to the missionary pastor. On numerous occasions, without any solicitation, without any ostentation, he was

known to give substantial form to his warm-hearted sympathy to the hardworking minister, and to the hard-pressed mission church. His was a sympathy that was practical, a charity that was liberal, a loyalty that was unswerving, and now he has left a memory that is blessed.

When in the evening time of life he was made to share in the disastrous results of the calamity which befell his home city, he bore up with a fortitude that was truly courageous. Later, in the interests of civic righteousness, he served as Secretary of the Grand Jury, which indicted those guilty of corrupt political practices, thereby jeopardizing life and enduring personal loss, if not endangering physical health for the overthrow of evil, and the enthronement of righteousness.

Finally, while fighting the fatal malady, while suffering constant pain, he bore up with true Christian fortitude and patience during a protracted illness. Unselfishly mindful of others, calmly awaiting the end, he tenderly committed his loved ones to the care of the heavenly Father, and then peacefully fell asleep in Jesus.

As a Synod we mourn our loss and extend to the sorrowing friends our sincerest sympathy. The bereaved ones have lost a devoted husband and father; the church a loyal and liberal supporter; the Synod an honored and an able counselor; the church at large a consecrated and devoted worker, and the community a conscientious citizen.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Lutheran Church of San Francisco on December 24th, by his pastor, Rev. W. E. Crouser, assisted by Rev. A. Jatho, Rev. H. Gehrcke and Rev. H. S. Feix, after which the body was interred in the beautiful Cypress Lawn Cemetery, where it peacefully rests awaiting the sound of the trump on the last day.

"Sweet be thy rest
And peaceful thy sleeping;
God's way is best;
Thou art in His keeping.

Thy work is done,
Thy sowing and reaping;
Thy crown is won,
And hushed is thy weeping.

Sweet be thy rest;
No more we may greet thee
Till with the blest
In heaven we meet thee."

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution was received and considered *seriatim*.

With this report pending, Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. R. Swickard.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. Armstrong, Ph. D.

Roll-call.

The minutes were read and approved.

A paper on the "Lord's Day" was read by Rev. S. W. Young, and discussed by members of Synod.

Report of the Statistical Secretary.

The Statistical Secretary has had the annual trouble of not receiving the reports on time, and of having some of the pastors still persist in using their own methods of computation, regardless of the instructions in the foot-notes. A word to the wise should be sufficient; for the sake of the next Statistical Secretary we trust that it is.

Statistically, the past year has been one of the best in our Synod's history. The only loss of any consequence is in the indebtedness, and this is one of the losses that is a gain. Notable gains are found in all the membership columns, the communicant membership being now well over the 2,000 mark.

While we report one less Sunday school than one year ago, still every other item of both Sunday schools and Young People's Societies shows a most gratifying increase.

Every financial item, except indebtedness, which we are glad to see less, and regular local expenses, which is practically the same as last year, shows decided increase over last year, there being an excess of $678.07 in benevolence in favor of this year and $2,246.12 more for all purposes.

Certainly we have reason to thank God, take courage and press forward, for we have set a mark for ourselves that it would be sad to lower. You are respectfully referred to the detailed report. (See Appendix C.)

In making out the Apportionment Table for 1910-1911, we have

used the rates set by the General Synod in 1909 and by California Synod last Spring. We have also followed the even dollar plan that was adopted by Synod last year. (See Appendix B.) An expense of $1.50 has been incurred for postage and stationery, for which an order is kindly asked.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Of the twenty-one churches in the California Synod, all have sent in reports to the committee. From these reports the following facts have been gathered:

I. MATERIAL STATUS.

1. *Church Membership.*—Of the twenty-one congregations reporting, thirteen report a gain in communicant membership, five report loss and three show the same figures. The total communicant membership for the year is 2,151, an increase of 224 over last year.

2. *Church Attendance.*—Five of our churches report an attendance at the Sunday morning service of 100 per cent. or over of the communicant membership, and four report an attendance at the Sunday evening service of 100 per cent. or over of communicant membership. Four churches report no Sunday evening service at all. Sixteen churches report attendance at Sunday morning service ranging anywhere from 46 per cent. to 100 per cent. of communicant membership. Thirteen churches report Sunday evening attendance ranging anywhere from 20 per cent. to 100 per cent. of communicant membership. The average attendance at the Sunday morning service is about 76 per cent., and the average attendance at the Sunday evening service is about 50 per cent. of the communicant membership.

The attendance of youth and children at the church services is shown in the various reports by such expressions as "10," "19," "20," "80 per cent.," "good," "fair," "encouraging," "medium," "small," "a few." From these expressions we gather that the attendance of the young people at the church service is not large.

3. *Sunday Schools.*—With but one exception all the churches report Sunday schools. The entire enrollment in the Sunday schools is 2,236 scholars. And the average attendance is 65 per cent. of the entire enrollment. Thirteen schools are graded or partly graded. A number have regularly organized classes. Nine schools report a Home Department, First Church in Los Angeles having a Home Department of 73 members. Eleven schools report Cradle Rolls.

Nearly all schools use the Augsburg Lesson Series. Seventeen schools contributed for all purposes $2,940.65.

It is very gratifying to note that there are more scholars enrolled in our Sunday schools than the entire present communicant membership of the church. From this we can readily see that the Sunday school is the hope of the Church, and every pastor should familiarize himself with every department of Sunday school work.

4. *Prayer Meetings.*—Thirteen churches report a mid-week prayer meeting with an attendance ranging from 10 to 35. Sixteen churches report Young People's Societies and prayer meetings with attendance ranging from 15 to 50.

5. *Societies.*—Seventeen missionary societies are reported with a membership ranging from 10 to 95, and with a total membership of 465. There are seventeen Ladies' Aid Societies, with membership ranging from 14 to 109, and with a total membership of 592. The activity of both these societies is designated by "medium," "fair," "good," "growing," "splendid," "excellent." There are four men's organizations with membership ranging from 18 to 62, and with a total membership of 118. With one exception the activity of these is "good," "excellent." One congregation reports a Church League with attendence from 35 to 50; another reports a young people's club; still another an orchestra of 14 young men. All these organizations show keen interest and activity along various lines of church work.

6. *Church Property.*—During the year San Bernardino has erected a house of worship costing $4,303.00, on lot costing $2,000.00. Alpaugh and Long Beach are building churches. One thousand five hundred dollars was subscribed by congregation toward Long Beach. The German Lutheran Church of Sacramento bought a lot for $21,000.00 and has $15,000.00 on hand for a new lot, and $10,000.00 subscribed toward a new church. St. Mark's, Los Angeles; Pasadena; First, Sacramento; Alameda; Salinas; St. Matthew's, San Francisco; Sanger, San José, each made improvements on church property.

7. *Church Finances.*—Concerning the apportionments. Fifteen congregations paid apportionment in full with excess; two paid in full; three report deficits, and one did not report at all.

"Has the pastor's salary been promptly paid?" Sixteen replied, "Yes"; two, "fairly so"; two, "no"; and one did not reply at all.

With two exceptions the general financial condition of the churches is good.

The expenses of the churches are met mostly by free will offerings through envelopes, also by subscriptions. Bazaars, suppers and entertainments are also used by some congregations to raise

funds. Nine churches have reduced their indebtedness by the aggregate sum of $6,874.96 (Santa Barbara, $2,231.00; First, San Francisco, $1,084.65).

During the year Pasadena and Sanger each made a reduction of $100.00, and St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's, San Francisco, each made a reduction of $60.00 in Home Mission Aid.

8. *Church Literature.*—The Augsburg Lesson Series are generally used in the Sunday schools.

One hundred and thirty weekly Lutheran Church papers, 53 *Lutheran Church Work,* 184 *Woman's Work,* 397 *California Lutheran,* and 73 other church papers are reported. This is certainly not a very good showing for a communicant membership of 2,151 members, and an enrollment of 2,236 in the Sunday schools.

9. *Students for the Ministry and Deaconesses.*—Four students for the ministry are reported. This is an increase of three over last year. First Church of Los Angeles reports eight deaconesses; also two of the four students for the ministry.

SPIRITUAL STATUS.

With the fullest description and the most complete data it would be most difficult to give an accurate report of the spiritual standing of the Church. Under this head two of the congregations reported nothing at all, and many of the other reports were vague and indefinite, either showing a lack of interest or a lack of knowledge of conditions. From the reports in hand the following facts have been gathered. Concerning:

1. *Bible Study.*—Four do not report. Others say the interest is "considerable," "fair," "growing," "very good." There are three Bible Study Classes and three Teacher-Training Classes reported. Special interest shown by attendance at church services where Scripture teaching was presented on certain topics.

2. *Family Worship.*—Under this head the general reply is: "Don't know," "not many," "a few." It is gratifying to learn that in the youngest congregation 15 families have family worship. In other congregations, 20 per cent. and 25 per cent. In another, about 25 families.

3. *Reaching the Unsaved.*—Outside of the personal work of the pastor, not much activity is shown to reach the unsaved. In several of the congregations, however, there is some individual personal work. One Y. P. S. is helping to do rescue mission work.

4. *Hindrances.*—"Indifference," "Sunday desecration," "love of ease and pleasure," "commercialism," sensitiveness," "selfishness," "gosip," "secret sin," "subtle influence of satanic religions," and many other things are hindrances to the work.

5. Among the discouragements are "irregular attendance," "indifference of community," "lack of leaders," "poor church buildings," "worshiping in hall."

6. *Encouragements.*—Many as are the discouragements, there are also many encouragements to the work. From almost every congregation comes a genuine note of encouragement, such as "deeper interest in church work." "new church, outsiders interested," "growing Sunday school," "splendid young people," "resolution to bring Foreign Mission offering up to $1.04," "harmonious and sympathetic people," "keen activity," "larger audiences at preaching service," "consecrated workers." These and many other like expressions sound the note of hope and encourage us to go forward in the Master's great work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. SNYDER,
C. W. WEISER,
S. W. YOUNG.

Adopted.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Your delegation to the General Synod would respectfully submit the following report:

The Forty-fourth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richmond, Ind., June 2d to 10th, 1909.

The officers elected were: President, Rev. H. K. Fenner, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. F. P. Manhart, D. D.; Treasurer, G. H. Knollenberg.

Of the six delegates elected by our Synod to this Convention of the General Synod one declared his inability to attend. Mr. H. A. Getz went in his stead. Dr. G. G. Burnett was detained at Olean, N. Y., because of sickness, and was therefore not able to be present.

This Convention of the General Synod was fully alive to the deep problems of our Church and enacted some matters of unusual interest and great importance:

1. It clarified the Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod by the adoption of the confessional statement prepared by Rev. L. S. Keyser, D. D. (See General Synod Minutes, pp. 56-61.)

2. It instructed the Common Service Committee to "codify the several resolutions and statements explanatory of the Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod," "and incorporate the substance of the same into one clear and definite statement of our Doctrinal Basis," to be presented at the next meeting of the General Synod. (See p. 115.)

3. It proposed to amend the Constitution that, "Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod may send one delegate for every ten ministers it contains, and for a remaining major fraction of that number, of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of laymen." (See p. 124.)

4. It adopted the following resolutions presented by your delegation relating to a Theological Seminary in California:

WHEREAS, The time has come when the future development of our work upon the Pacific coast requires the establishment of a Lutheran Theological School upon the territory of the California Synod; be it, therefore,

1. *Resolved,* That the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States authorize and give its support to such an institution.

2. *Resolved,* That its Board of Education be, and hereby is, authorized to take immediate steps to inaugurate such a work, at such location and at such expense as is deemed both wise and necessary for the establishment of such work. (See p. 72.)

The reports of the various Boards showed not only encouraging progress, but also the General Synod's realization of her vast opportunity and great responsibility as the oldest general body of Lutherans in America. The following Boards showed a very commendable increase on the apportionment received during the two years:

Home Missions	$27,000.00
Foreign Missions	7,658.49
Church Extension	26,012.70
Board of Education	17,000.00
Deaconess Board	2,678.84

Our Synod took a respectable part in this increase, being on the honor roll of the first three Boards named.

The apportionment for each year of the ensuing biennium for the nine objects apportioned by the General Synod will be $1.31 per member, or 12 cents greater than the last biennium. This increase is as follows: Home Missions, five cents; Foreign Missions, five cents; Deaconess Board, one cent; Tabitha Home, one cent. This makes our annual apportionment for the next two years for these objects $2,526.99.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement, having made commendable progress, and whose motto is, "No deficit in our benevolences," and

the Men's Societies, now called the Lutheran Brotherhood, both received the warmest approval of the convention.

Lutheran Church Work, a monthly magazine authorized two years ago by the General Synod, reported a shortage in receipts, and the Publication House was instructed to pay the same out of its treasury. This magazine ought to be the stimulating organ of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and the Lutheran Brotherhood. This, we believe, would solve its finances.

Among our homes and asylums, Tabitha Home, at Lincoln, Neb., seems to need our prayer and help above all others. Hence the General Synod recommends this institution most strongly to our Synods for liberal support.

Ministerial supply received special attention at this meeting of the General Synod. The report seemed to indicate a small increase in ministers over the former report.

Your delegation offer the following recommendations:

1. That we accept the apportionment adopted by the General Synod for the ensuing biennium.

2. That we heartily endorse the Laymen's Missionary Movement and the Lutheran Brotherhood, and organize societies wherever circumstances allow.

3. That we endeavor to introduce the *Lutheran Church Work,* authorized by the General Synod, into the homes of our congregations.

4. That we thank the General Synod for the authorization of a Lutheran Theological School in California, and pledge our support in its establishment.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
CHARLES F. OEHLER,
H. A. GETZ,
P. W. H. FREDERICK.
DE WITT WISE.

Adopted.

Rev. S. M. Lutz was introduced to Synod and made an advisory member.

The report on the Minutes of the Conferences was presented by Rev. H. S. Feix, and considered item by item. Item (1) was referred to the Sunday School Committee. With item 2 of the report pending, Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. S. M. Lutz.

EVENING SERVICE.

After a very pleasant supper and reception given to the members of the Synod and the Woman's Missionary Convention by the First English Lutheran Church of the city, the evening service was conducted in St. Matthew's Church, under the auspices of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. A German address was delivered by Rev. W. J. Roehmer, of Fresno. The twentieth anniversary address, prepared by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., was delivered by Rev. C. H. Armstrong, Ph. D., owing to the enforced absence of Dr. Hoskinson, on account of serious illness in his home.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 9 A. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. E. Crouser.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. S. W. Young.

Roll-call.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. Emil Meyer, of San José, was received as an advisory member of Synod.

The revision of the constitution was again taken up until the Home Mission report was ready for presentation.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was received and considered item by item.

Item 1—Porterville. Adopted.

Item 2—La Crescenta. Adopted.

Item 3—Phoenix, was referred to the Home Mission Committee with instruction to act at once.

Item 4—Fresno. Adopted.

Item 5—San Francisco. On motion, the Home Mission

Committee was instructed to take up two points in or around San Francisco at once.

Item 6—Berkeley, was referred to the incoming Home Mission Committee.

On motion, Items 1 and 4 were stricken from the report.

The Home Mission report pending, Synod adjourned, with prayer by Mr. H. A. Getz.

FIFTH SESSION.

April 7, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Roll-call.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Raymond O. Hansen, Superintendent of the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A., was introduced to Synod.

The paper on Article XI. of the Augsburg Confession, was presented by Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, and discussed by members of Synod.

On motion, Rev. Weaver was requested to permit the publication of his paper in *The California Lutheran.*

The Lutheran Brotherhood was reported upon by Mr. H. A. Getz, member of the General Synod's Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood.

Report on the Lutheran Brotherhood.

The Lutheran Brotherhood had its origin in the practical necessities of the Church. Work was to be done which only the men of the Church could do. They were ready to respond to the call of duty, but lacked the inspiration and power of organization. To supply this want the men of different congregations had formed themselves into societies suited to local needs.

At once the effect of organization was felt in greatly increased usefulness. Then came the need for a form of organization which would suit the men of different congregations, and a plan by which these societies might be federated into a general body for mutual helpfulness. These conditions were presented in

a memorial to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in 1907. Favorable action was taken and a committee appointed to take steps in the direction proposed. The report of this committee in the convention of 1909, giving a careful review of the situation and recommending immediate action, was favorably received. A committee of ten was appointed, the duty of which was to inaugurate and give general direction to the movement. It was given power to take all needed steps for its thorough organization, encourage its introduction into congregations, and, as soon as practical, effect a federation of all Lutheran men's societies into a general organization for the entire Church. It was instructed to at once prepare a form of constitution and such other literature as may be needed for an intelligent understanding of the movement and its successful introduction into the churches.

The first organization of a general character among laymen was the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in the Episcopal Church, in 1886. Since then there have followed in rapid succession the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, the United Presbyterian Men's Movement, the Methodist Brotherhood, the Presbyterian Brotherhood of America, the Men's Movement of the United Brethren Church, the Baptist Brotherhood, the Men's Movement of the Disciples of Christ, the Brotherhood of the Southern Presbyterian Church, the Congregational Brotherhood, Lutheran Brotherhood of General Council, and others. These combined movements represent to-day an aggregate of one million men organized for Christian service.

The verdict of every denomination in which the movement has been tried, so far as we have been able to discover, is, "a blessing is in it." The most marked features of the Church life of the present generation is the *great awakening* among men. They have heard the call to a more active service in every department of the Church life at home, and have thrown the strength of their manhood into it. The mighty work of Foreign Missions has been laid on their hearts as never before in human history, and they have recognized it as a challenge to opportunity and to duty. How much the *organized Men's Movement* has had to do in bringing about this great awakening we shall never know. Certainly it has served this double purpose, viz.: It has helped to stir the hearts of men with a vision of their opportunity and their obligation in *Christ's* kingdom. It has *crystallized* and *systematized* their newly awakened enthusiasm into practical plans for definite work. Through it as a channel men are to-day responding to the call for heroic service in a holy cause, as they heretofore responded to the call of pleasure or profit. It has been used of God as a means of showing men that their noblest mission on earth is to win men

to the Saviour of men and to give time and money to His kingdom.

In congregations where its power has been exerted a new spiritual life has been infused. Pastors have found in their men's societies valiant and loyal helpers. The Sunday school has discovered in them a mighty source of strength. By them the financial support of the Church has been made a far easier problem. The Missionary and Benevolent Boards of the Church have found in the men's organizations a powerful ally for spreading intelligence, inspiring interest and raising funds. Fellowship has stimulated activity. Activity has promoted Church loyalty. Church loyalty is leading men to know more about their Church, its history, its teachings and its mission.

We are *appealing* to the manhood of the Church of the Reformation to organize and discharge its full measure of Christian responsibility and undertake its *whole* duty at home and abroad. This call is made in every Lutheran Church of our State and country. The call is direct. The object is definite and vital. We call upon the men of our Church, especially those who are busiest and most responsible, to put *first* things *first,* and so to adjust their affairs as to be able to take their full share in the effort to bring the impact of a United Lutheran Brotherhood to bear upon *all the problems* of the Church of the Reformation.

If there is any Church in America that needs the modern equipment of organization and co-operation *for* doing things, it is the Church of the Reformation, and if any section of the United States needs the co-operation of such a movement more than another, it is California.

We desire a *federation* of Lutheran Brotherhoods in California. We, therefore, need *you,* and *you* need *us,* that *mutually* we may receive a greater spiritual awakening and lay hold of the problems of our several church homes and of our field in California.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. GETZ,
E. JATHO.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement was represented by Mr. J. A. Bohn.

The reports on Lutheran Brotherhood and the Laymen's Missionary Movement were adopted and Mr. John Frohliger was appointed to organize the Lutheran Brotherhood in the Northern Conference.

The fraternal delegate from the Pacific Synod (G. C.),

Rev. Wm. C. Drahn, was introduced, and, on motion, accorded the privileges of the floor.

A verbal report on Young People's Societies was presented by Rev. C. W. Weiser, and adopted.

Report of the Archivist.

Your Archivist submits the following report to Synod:

When Synod created this office one year ago it laid the foundations for an exact and critical history of our Synod, to be written at some future date. Here will be collected the data for such historical works. It is none too early to begin this collection, for already there are missing links that seem unable to be supplied. In a few years the task of collecting these would be much harder.

In order to show you what has been done up to this time, a list of the articles in the Archivarium is reported herewith:

The first book of the written Minutes of Synod, or the Protocol.

Two complete files of the printed Minutes of Synod.

Extra copies of Minutes for every year except 1894 and 1897.

One complete file of the *Golden Gate Lutheran* (one year, July, 1891, to June, 1892).

One complete file of the *Oakland Lutheran* (one year, 1893).

One complete file of the *Oakland Visitor* (two years, 1899 and 1900).

One complete file of the *Western Lutheran* (one year, 1901).

One complete file of the *California Lutheran,* excepting No. 1 (1906 to ——).

A few programs of church dedications, church bulletins, etc.

It is the opinion of the Archivist that there are other documents and articles of historical interest in some of the dark closets of our churches that ought to be sent to the Archivarium for safe keeping.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your Committee on Absentees and Excuses report that the following brethren are absent from this convention without excuse: Revs. J. S. Moser, L. C. Routzahn and Lutz Horn.

The following are absent, from whom word has been received, and we recommend that they be excused: Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., J. C. Pedersen, J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., J. J. Chambers and R. W. Mottern, and Messrs. C. P. Miller, A. P. Crim, J. J. Oliver, Dr. C. H. Horner, D. H. Nyce and J. F. Reimer.

The following have asked to be excused before the close of the convention, and we recommend that their request be granted: Revs. M. F. Rinker and Wm. Brandes and Mr. W. C. Bond.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Other Synods.

The minutes of the Central Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh and Iowa Synods have come into the hands of your committee. We find in them nothing requiring the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
M. F. RINKER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The temperance "no compromise with the unfruitful works of darkness" policy has been prosecuted with unabated zeal during the past year. During the year 1909 more than 12,000 saloons and nearly 150 breweries were abolished in the United States, and more than 41,000,000 of the people under the American flag are now living in "dry" territory.

Beginning with January, 1909, four States passed into the temperance rank, now making a total of nine under prohibition. The legislatures of four other States passed local option laws, leaving only the following, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New Mexico, West Virginia, Minnesota, California, Nevada and Hawaii, whose legislatures have passed no laws protecting their homes against this drink curse.

The year has been the most remarkable in the temperance cause. January 1st, 1909, Alabama, Mississippi and North Carolina entered the prohibition ranks. *Tennessee* extends the four-mile law to all towns and cities in the State, making it almost State-wide prohibition, and passed a measure prohibiting its manufacture in the State. South Carolina adopts prohibition with a referendum by counties, and as a result 36 out of 42 immediately vote dry.

Prohibition bills pass both houses of the Arkansas legislature. Missouri legislature passes resolution calling for a vote on the

prohibition amendment. Iowa, Maine and New Hampshire increase their restrictive measures. Idaho enacts a straight county option measure, and in the first round of ballots 14 out of 23 counties abolish their saloons. The Delaware legislature resubmits the liquor question to the only wet county in the State. Wyoming abolishes all saloons outside of incorporated towns. Kansas passes measure prohibiting sale of all liquors except wine for Sacramental purposes. Nebraska limits the open saloon to the hours of 7 A. M. to 8 P. M. Lincoln, Nebraska, and two counties of the State go dry. Utah passes a county option law, but it is vetoed by the Governor after the legislature adjourned, but more than half the counties are so incensed at the Governor's action that they abolish the saloons by local decree. Congress passes a C. O. D. liquor shipment measure for the protection of dry territory. Colorado increases her dry territory to 11 counties. Illinois adds four dry counties, and 28 out of 36 places in the fall elections of the State vote dry. Nineteen additional counties in Michigan, 12 in Texas, three in Kentucky and two in Pennsylvania and eight additional ones in West Virginia are voted dry. In New York State 88 towns join the temperance ranks. Temperance measures are passed by the legislatures of Connecticut and South Dakota, while 60 counties in Indiana and six additional ones of California joined the ranks of those now in their right mind.

A HOPEFUL SIGN.

The Labor Union of Canada in 1909 passed a resolution condemning the saloon and urging temperance upon its members, an action which ten years ago would have been impossible. It is gratifying to learn from our U. S. internal revenue commissioner at Washington, D. C., that during 1909 over 5,000,000 gallons distilled spirits and more than 2,000,000 barrels of beer less than in 1908 were consumed by our American people.

In view of these hopeful signs noted and a thousand others which space and time allotted forbid our mentioning, we do heartily rejoice and earnestly recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the California Synod here assembled in the city of San Francisco can keep no terms with a vice that fills our jails, destroys the peace and comfort of our homes and debases and brutalizes the citizens of our fair States.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SWICKARD.
J. W. ROMICH,
H. S. FEIX.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The Committee on President's Report respectfully submit the following:

The report gives evidence that the work of the President of Synod is increasing, and that the various duties have been performed during the past year with faithfulness and ability.

We note with pleasure the evidences of devotion and faithful work on the part of pastors and people, which is shown especially by the active religious life in the congregations, by the undertaking of greater things and by the new buildings and many improvements in the others. We note with thankfulness that the several vacancies in the pastorate are now filled.

We would respectfully recommend:

1. That the Synod approve all the official acts of the President by a rising vote.

2. That the $250.00 in the hands of the President for Bay City Missions be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, P. W. H. FREDERICK,
S. W. YOUNG.

The time of adjournment was, on motion, extended.

The Budget Committee reported the traveling expenses of the clerical members of Synod equalized at $8.30 each. The report was adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee of "California Lutheran."

The Auditing Committee of the *California Lutheran* Accounts report the accounts well kept and correct. We find receipts on hand for all disbursements except for two checks sent East too late to receive a reply at this date.

We find $79.50 due this young enterprise from ten of our churches since last June, and $93.35 due from nine of our churches since January 1st, 1910; also that if the pastors of these churches would see that these amounts were remitted all debts of the *California Lutheran* would be paid up to February 1st.

We recommend that these accounts be posted by the Manager and Editor of the *California Lutheran* at the place of posting the committees of this and future meetings of Synod, and that the Auditing Committee aid in adjusting any differences if necessary.

We recommend that an Advertising Committee be appointed, with Mr. J. W. Fricke as chairman, for the purpose of placing the paper on a paying basis, with the understanding, however,

that the Editor of the paper shall have the right to accept or reject any advertising matter offered.

Respectfully submitted, H. A. GETZ,
JAMES POPERT.

Adopted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts	$162.42
(For itemized statement see page 81, ledger.)	
Total disbursements	160.70
(For itemized statement see page 80, ledger.)	
Cash on hand	$1.72

Resources.

Due on subscription	$157.85
" " advertising	15.00
Total	$172.85

Liabilities.

To *Young Lutheran* Publishing Company	$109.50
To Editor's salary	50.00
Total	$159.50

Total resources	$172.85
" liabilities	159.50
Surplus	$13.35

We are now sending out 535 copies, of which ten are placed on the free list. This would leave 525 regular subscribers.

It is a difficult undertaking to get advertisements from legitimate firms for a monthly publication, and we refused to accept "fake" advertisements.

Respectfully submitted, H. S. FEIX,
Editor and Manager.

Adopted.

The revision of the constitution was again taken up until adjournment.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Emil Meyer.

EVENING SERVICE.

The evening service included addresses on Home Missions in the Bay Cities: "Our Opportunities," by Rev. H. S. Feix; "Our Hindrances," by Rev. A. Jatho; "Our Obligations," by Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Following this service the Synod adjourned for a social hour held in the basement of the church, under the auspices of the Luther League of the church.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 9.30 A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Drahn, fraternal delegate of Pacific Synod.

Roll-call.

The minutes were read and approved.

The hour of 10 o'clock was set for hearing the greetings of the fraternal delegate from the Pacific Synod.

On motion, the Twentieth Anniversary address was requested for publication in the *California Lutheran.*

Report on Letters and Papers.

The following letters have been received:

Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., expresses regret at his inability to be present to represent the Board of Education during our Synod's deliberation on the seminary question. Rev. Herbert J. Weaver has been appointed speaker for the Board.

Secretary Chas. E. Hay, D. D., of the Deaconess Board, writes, urging our Synod to have someone speak on behalf of his Board, urging a lift for their new building. Your committee would recommend that Rev. Geo. H. Hillerman be asked to speak for this cause.

Also a letter from Rev. J. Eugene Dietterich, A. M., Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund Society, urging the needs of their society in meeting its numerous demands, and requesting that our Synod

render all possible assistance, was placed in the hands of your committee.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM R. SWICKARD,
HERMAN GEHRCKE.

Adopted.

The Deaconess' Board was represented on the floor of Synod by the Rev. Geo. H. Hillerman.

The Home Mission Report was again taken up. On motion, the appropriations carried by the report are to be regarded as maximum amounts to be expended at the discretion of the Home Mission Committee.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the Pacific Synod.

Accepting the commission of the President of Synod, I attended the sessions of the Pacific Synod, at Tacoma, Wash., June 25th to 27th, 1909. My reception was most cordial. The greetings of California Synod were heard with pleasure, and the wish that these exchanges be continued.

The Pacific Synod elected as its fraternal delegate in return Rev. Wm. C. Drahn, of Victoria, B. C., who is present and will address the Synod at the proper time.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. WEISER.

The fraternal delegate of the Pacific Synod, Rev. Wm. C. Drahn, presented the greetings of his body in true fraternal spirit. An appropriate response was made by the President of Synod. Rev. Emil Meyer, of San José, was also called upon and addressed the Synod.

Rev. H. Rogn, pastor of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of the city, was introduced and made an advisory member of Synod.

On motion, the recommendations of the Home Mission report were adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

This is a Home Mission Synod, and with gratitude we acknowledge our debt to the Woman's Executive Committee and to the Boards of Home Missions and of Church Extension. We also gratefully record the fact that every mission and church within

our bounds is supplied with a regular pastor. Seventeen missions reported to your committee.

CONDITION OF THE MISSIONS.

In twelve congregations the membership has been increased during the year, and in three a decrease is reported. Six missions report an excess in benevolent contributions above the apportionment, and four a deficit. The general finances indicate health: two churches are reported very good, with money in the treasury; six are in good condition, and six are fairly good. The pastor's salary is paid promptly by all missions except two. Eight missions have succeeded in reducing their indebtedness, while in three the indebtedness has increased. Four congregations have reduced their Home Mission aid, as follows, viz.: St. Matthew's, San Francisco, $60.00; St. Andrew's, San Francisco, $60.00; Sanger, $100.00, and Pasadena, $100.00. San Diego is receiving $100.00 more than last year. Two have had their aid increased from the California Home Mission Fund by action of our Synod, namely, Riverside, $100.00, and Santa Barbara, $200.00. The attendance at public worship is, in all cases but one, more than 50 per cent. of the enrollment of communicants, and in some cases as high as 90 per cent. It is evident that all the pastors are striving to promote the best interests of their respective missions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

During the Synodical year the Treasurer of Synod paid the following sums from the California Home Mission Fund towards the support of our missionaries:

Rev. J. Gutleben, at Sanger	$75.00
Rev. R. W. Mottern, at Riverside	25.00
Rev. C. H. Armstrong, at Santa Barbara	50.00
Rev. J. K. Reed, at Porterville	30.00

Other amounts have been paid from the same fund, for which you are referred to the Treasurer's report.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS.

The First Church of San Bernardino has completed its beautiful new church home. The Mission was assisted with a donation of $575.00 from the Woman's Executive Committee, through the Board of Church Extension, and a loan of $1,635.00 from the same source. The church cost $4,303.00, exclusive of the lot.

Trinity Church, of Long Beach, is building a new church on the

lot secured some time ago. Assistance will be rendered by the Woman's Executive Committee through the Board of Church Extension to the amount of $1,625.00 as a loan, and $375.00 as a donation. The corner-stone will be laid in the near future.

The First Church of Alpaugh has begun to erect its house of worship on the lots secured by the donation of $185.00 from Synod last spring. The Woman's Executive Committee through the Board of Church Extension will come to the aid of this building by loaning $675.00 and donating $125.00. The corner-stone will be ready for laying shortly.

NEW MISSION FIELDS.

Porterville.—In September of last year we received a postal from the President of North Carolina Synod, giving us the names of seven Lutherans from that Synod now living at Porterville, and asking us to care for them. We immediately wrote to them, making inquiry, and consulted with Rev. J. J. Chambers, the nearest pastor, who held services there for a few Sundays. Rev. J. K. Reed took charge of the work until this meeting of Synod. He went there February 17th, and will report at this convention.

La Crescenta.—Rev. M. F. Rinker is on mission duty at this place of 53 families (250 population), located about 12 miles northeast of Los Angeles. The town has a concrete church building, well adapted to religious needs, and owned by a man in Los Angeles. No other denomination is using it. There is no preaching point nearer than three miles. The chances for growth seem good.

Phœnix, Ariz.—A petition came to the President of Synod, dated March 20th, 1910, and signed by 32 persons, or representing that number, praying for the establishment of an English Lutheran church in Phœnix and the sending of a pastor to canvass the field and take up the work at once. Mr. DeWitt Wise, of Los Angeles, inaugurated this movement, and he claims that the field is ripe unto the harvest. It would be well for Synod to consider this field at this session.

San Francisco.—This great city and metropolis is calling for more English Lutheran churches. A hurried canvass made under the auspices of the Lutheran Ministers' Association revealed two districts where there are as many as 50 families waiting for us to come. These ought to be given the religion of their fathers in the language of their children. There is no more needy field in this State than San Francisco.

Berkeley.—We had hoped to have entered the University City before this session of Synod. The only apparent reason for not doing so is the inability to find a man who meets all the conditions

of the Board. A fresh canvass will be necessary to learn the status of that field to-day.

This recital of fields and opportunities teaches four things, viz.:

First, The need of laborers, and, incidentally, of the Theological Seminary to produce laborers.

Secondly, The need of a Synodical Missionary to make the preliminary canvass and temporarily to supply these promising missions.

Thirdly, The necessity of choosing one or two fields at once and of concentrating our efforts upon them.

Fourthly, The Bay Cities Fund will be of great help in meeting this third proposition, and would indicate that we should begin here in San Francisco,

RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend the following appropriations from the California Home Mission Fund for this Synodical year:

To La Crescenta	$100.00
To Sanger	100.00
To Riverside	100.00
To Santa Barbara	200.00

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.
W. E. CROUSER,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

The report of the Committee on the Pacific Theological Seminary was presented and later referred back to the committee to be presented at the opening of the afternoon session. The paper on "Catechisation and Evangelization" was postponed until the next convention of Synod.

On motion, reports from the churches were heard. St. Mark's, of Los Angeles, Alameda and Santa Barbara reported.

Time for adjournment was extended. Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. M. F. Rinker.

SEVENTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

Roll-call.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Pacific Seminary Committee was considered, *seriatim,* and adopted.

Report of Pacific Seminary Committee.

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary beg to report that since the meeting of the General Synod, at Richmond, Ind., which authorized the Board of Education to immediately establish a theological school upon our territory no progress has been made in the matter.

We submit to the California Synod the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved,* That we reaffirm our sincere conviction that for the future development of our work we deem the establishment of said seminary an imperative necessity, and that we continue our efforts to that end.

2. *Resolved,* That in addition to the $50.00 set aside by our Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, a seminary fund be created by our Synod, to be increased either by apportionment or voluntary contributions.

3. *Resolved,* That $8.00 be allowed for traveling expenses of members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CROUSER,
C. F. OEHLER,
O. H. GRUVER,
J. A. BOHN.

Adopted.

It was further

Resolved, That the Pacific Theological Seminary be inaugurated at once under the charge of one of our pastors, with the assistance of neighboring pastors and Lutheran clergymen, and that the location of this temporary work be left in the hands of the Pacific Theological Seminary Committee of our Synod.

Resolved, That an apportionment of five cents a member be levied on the communicant membership of Synod for ministerial education.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution was again taken up and the report adopted.

Report of Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

Your Committee on the Revision of the Constitution herewith present the results of their labors in the form of a revised constitution.

In preparing this report, three things have been kept before your committee:

First, the incorporation of all standing resolutions of moment into the body of the constitution and by-laws.

Second, the insertion in their proper places of the various amendments to the constitution which have been proposed or adopted.

Third, the introduction of such other provisions as the enlargement and development of our Synodical activities demand.

We recommend the consideration of this revised constitution, *seriatim,* and its final adoption one year hence.

Secondly, we recommend that one hundred copies of this constitution be printed.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
W. E. CROUSER.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your committee have learned with great pleasure that five prospective students for the ministry have been reported to the Synod, one of whom is now pursuing some studies in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and has expressed a readiness to enter the proposed seminary when opened. We have received no request for beneficiary aid.

Respectfully submitted, H. GEHRCKE,
Adopted. J. W. BALL.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would recommend that our next convention of Synod give one half-day and an evening session to the consideration of Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted, C. H. ARMSTRONG, Ph. D.,
Adopted. HERBERT J. WEAVER.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved,* That the hearty thanks of Synod be extended to St. Matthew's congregation of San Francisco, to the pastor and his faithful workers for their splendid entertainment of Synod, also to the choir for their excellent musical renditions.

2. *Resolved,* That we express our hearty thanks to the good people of the First Lutheran Church for their excellent dinner served to Synod on Wednesday evening, and

3. *Resolved,* That we, the California Synod, thank the press of the city for their extensive notices.

4. *Resolved,* That $5.00 be paid by the Treasurer of Synod to the sexton of St. Matthew's Church for services rendered during Synod.

5. *Resolved,* That $25.00 be paid the Secretary of the Synod, Rev. J. W. Ball, for services during the past year; also that the traveling expenses of the Treasurer of Synod to Synod and return be paid.

6. *Resolved,* That we respectfully ask our Boards to remember the times of convention of our Synod and to send to us a representative of at least one of the Boards every year, for the sake of imparting to our workers on the Coast encouragement and information.

7. *Resolved,* That we recommend the churches of our Synod to organize their men into Lutheran Brotherhoods, as recommended by our General Synod, and that through their missionary committees these foster the interests of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

8. *Resolved,* That during the coming Synodical year our mission churches make a great and special effort to become self-supporting.

9. *Resolved,* That with great pleasure we have received into our midst Rev. William C. Drahn, the fraternal delegate of the Pacific Synod (G. C.), and that we in turn send a delegate to visit their next annual convention.

10. *Resolved,* That notwithstanding the discouragement on the part of our Board of Education, we, as a whole Synod, regard the establishment of a theological school upon our territory as one of the most essential needs of our work upon the Coast, in order to man our mission fields and to occupy our inheritance; and that we put forth every effort to have the resolution of the General Synod at Richmond, Ind., 1909, put into effect.

12. *Resolved,* That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California earnestly recommends to the members of the next legislature the consideration of the efforts of the Prison Reform League, looking for the imposing of indeterminate sentences for criminals, and the transforming of prisons into reformatories, and that steps be taken by the aforesaid body looking to the transformation of San Quentin into such a reformatory.

13. *Resolved,* That Synod, through its Home Mission Committee, call and engage a Synodical missionary on the basis and plan laid out in the minutes of the California Synod, 1907, pp. 16-17, carrying out those plans as found practicable.

C. F. OEHLER,
W. E. CROUSER.

Adopted.

The report of Committee on Conference Minutes was again presented. Item 2 was tabled until next convention of Synod, and the remainder of the report adopted.

Report on Conference Minutes.

Your Committee on Minutes of Conferences beg to report the following:

We have carefully examined the minutes of both conferences and recommend that Synod now in session take action on the following resolutions:

1. Resolution adopted October 18th, 1909, by Northern Conference, found on p. 40, Minutes of said Conference:

"*Resolved,* That Conference petition and earnestly request Synod to lengthen the time for the next convention of Synod one day for the discussion of the work of our Sunday schools, and that each Sunday school in California Synod be requested to be represented by a delegation, consisting of the pastor, superintendent and at least two teachers of the Sunday school."

We also recommend the consideration of the following resolution, adopted by the Southern Conference (p. 40, Minutes of the Southern Conference), October 27th, 1909.

"WHEREAS, In the early history of the Lutheran missionary effort on the Pacific Coast, the Secretaries of the Home Mission Boards of the General Synod and General Council, Dr. S. B. Barnitz and Dr. G. H. Gerberding had a verbal agreement to the effect that they would consider the States of Washington and Oregon as the exclusive field of the General Council for missionary effort on the Pacific Coast, and the whole State of California as the exclusive field of the General Synod for missionary effort on the Pacific Coast, and,

"WHEREAS, We feel that their wise verbal agreement has avoided much needless competition, struggle, waste of money and men, and possible failures in Lutheran missionary effort on the Pacific Coast; now, therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That we urgently request the California Synod to memorialize the General Synod of our Church, to request the Home Mission Board to use every effort to enter into a written agreement with the Home Mission Board of the General Council to continue the above policy, and thus avoid needless competitions and struggle of Lutheranism on the Pacific Coast."

Respectfully submitted, H. S. FEIX.
D. J. SNYDER.

Item 1, the resolution of the Northern Conference had been previously referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Resolutions were adopted as follows with reference to the work at St. Mark's, Los Angeles:

Resolved. That it is the judgment of this Synod that St. Mark's congregation of Los Angeles should erect a more suitable building at the earliest possible date, and that to this end we pledge the congregation $200.00 and such further assistance as is within our power.

Resolved, That the Church Extension Committee be authorized to endorse for the Synod an application from St. Mark's to the Board of Church Extension for a further appropriation of $25.00.

On behalf of the Alameda congregation, which is also greatly in need of an adequate building, it was

Resolved, That $200.00 be appropriated from the Church Extension Fund of California Synod, on condition that the congregation or its friends raise $1,500.00, and that the church be moved to a better location.

Resolved, That the Synod, through its Church Extension Committee, endorse the application of the congregation to the Board of Church Extension for a $1,500.00 loan, and strongly urge on said Board the granting of said application, in view of the urgent needs of the field in question.

The Synod entered into election of officers and delegates. Rev. W. R. Swickard, Rev. C. H. Armstrong, Ph. D., and Mr. F. W. Chapman were appointed tellers.

Elections.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.
Secretary—Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.
Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. Geo. H. Hillerman.

STAFF OF "CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN."

Editor—Rev. W. E. Crouser.
Business Manager—Rev. O. H. Gruver.
Circulating Manager—Rev. H. S. Feix.
Advertising Manager—Mr. J. W. Fricke.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Principals.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. A. Jatho,	J. W. Fricke,
Rev. H. Gehrcke,	H. A. Getz,
Rev. W. E. Crouser,	J. A. Bohn.

Alternates.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. S. W. Young,	De Witt Wise,
Rev. G. H. Hillerman,	James Popert,
Rev. J. E. Hoick,	R. O. Hansen.

SEMINARY COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. E. Crouser,	Mr. J. W. Fricke,
Rev. O. H. Gruver,	Mr. J. A. Bohn,
Rev. C. F. Oehler,	Mr. James Popert.
Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Rev. P. W. H. Frederick,	Mr. H. A. Getz,
Rev. Jesse W. Ball,	Mr. J. A. Bohn,

P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Archivist—Rev. W. E. Crouser.

On motion, it was ordered that 600 copies of the Minutes of this convention be printed and distributed *pro rata* among the congregations.

It was also

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the "Duplex" envelope system designed by Rev. J. E. Hoick, and report to the next convention of Synod the advisability of printing the same for the use of Synod.

Rev. H. S. Feix, Rev. H. Gehrcke, and Mr. J. A. Bohn were appointed on this committee.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Your Committee on Auditing of Treasurer's books hereby certify that we have found the same to be correct.

The receipt from the Deaconess Board for $110.39, and the receipt from Rev. O. H. Gruver for $25.00, which were reported missing by the previous Auditing Committee, are now on file.

We find that sufficient time has not elapsed for return of receipts for the following payments: $175.05 to Board of Church

Extension; $9.60 to Rev. Dietterich for Pastors' Fund; $43.10 to Board of Home Missions; $66.30 to Home for the Aged.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. FRICKE,
JOHN BOUNS.

Adopted.

The invitation to hold the next annual convention of Synod in the First English Lutheran Church of San Diego was unanimously accepted.

Rev. W. J. Roehmer was elected fraternal delegate to the next meeting of the Pacific Synod.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Rev. H. S. Feix for faithful and efficient service as Editor of the *California Lutheran.*

The Constitution and By-Laws were revised as follows:

Art. V., Sec. 3 (6). Substitute for "March 20th of each year" the words "the first Saturday after Easter of each year."

By-Laws.

No. 11. Change to read: "The Synodical year shall close at midnight of the first Saturday after Easter, and everything given or done after that date shall be credited on the new year."

No. 12. "The annual meeting of Synod shall convene on the third Tuesday after Easter."

After reading and adopting the minutes of the afternoon session, Synod adjourned with the usual liturgical form.

EVENING SERVICE.

The liturgical service was conducted by Rev. W. R. Swickard, of Redlands. The address of the evening on "Christian Education" was delivered by the Rev. Jesse W Ball, Ph. D., of St. Mark's, Los Angeles.

JESSE W. BALL,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California from April 10, 1909, to March 5, 1910.*

CONGREGATIONS.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	Nachusa Home.	California Home Missions.	California Church Extension.	Grand Total.	Excess.	Deficit.
From Women for Minutes	.....	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$10 00	.....	.....
To balance	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alpaugh	.....	2 00	$6 00	$5 00	$4 00	$4 00	$1 00	$2 00	$1 00	.....	.....	$504 19	.....	504 73	.....	.....
Alameda	$2 40	2 60	8 20	3 40	.....	.....	1 60	.....	1 30	$1 40	.....	12 50	$1 00	38 50	$7 50	.....
Fresno	2 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	2 40	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 35	.....	22 25	.....	$51 75
Long Beach	1 00	5 00	14 51	10 00	10 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	$3 22	9 90	2 00	61 30	.....	234 70
Los Angeles, First	6 00	42 00	102 00	196 00	65 00	65 00	23 00	26 00	16 00	13 05	13 00	101 00	16 00	72 73	7 73	.....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1 00	4 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	.....	10 00	2 00	684 05	166 05	.....
Oakland	2 00	10 00	29 00	24 00	19 00	19 00	7 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	.....	24 00	5 00	64 00	.....	.....
Pasadena	1 00	7 00	19 00	16 00	13 00	13 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	.....	16 00	3 00	154 00	.....	.....
Redlands	1 00	7 00	15 00	13 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	.....	2 00	.....	15 00	4 00	101 00	.....	.....
Riverside	1 00	5 00	18 00	12 00	9 00	9 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	6 00	.....	12 00	2 00	85 00	2 00	.....
Sacramento, First	3 00	10 00	39 00	15 00	12 00	10 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00	7 00	83 00	9 00	.....
Sacramento, German	6 00	34 00	93 00	78 00	62 00	62 00	22 00	25 00	16 00	10 00	.....	78 00	16 00	135 00	.....	75 00
Salinas	2 00	9 50	15 00	16 50	10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	.....	13 00	3 00	502 00	4 00	.....
San Bernardino	1 00	4 00	8 00	.....	5 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91 00	8 00	.....
San Diego	2 00	12 00	32 00	27 00	21 00	21 00	7 00	9 00	5 00	2 10	.....	27 00	5 00	26 00	.....	38 00
San Francisco, First	2 00	12 00	32 00	26 00	21 00	21 00	7 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	.....	26 00	5 00	170 10	10	.....
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	1 00	7 00	20 50	10 00	15 50	14 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	10 50	3 00	167 00	.....	.....
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	1 00	4 00	11 00	8 00	8 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	10 00	2 00	82 50	.....	24 50
Sanger	1 00	2 00	5 00	3 70	9 20	3 00	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	4 15	51 00	.....	12 00
San José	1 00	7 00	20 00	17 00	13 00	13 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	.....	17 00	3 00	39 05	.....	115 95
Santa Barbara	1 00	3 00	8 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	7 00	1 00	105 00	.....	.....
Amount received	$38 40	$209 64	$522 21	$507 60	$322 10	$313 00	$106 60	$111 00	$66 30	$47 55	$16 22	$945 44	$86 15	$3292 20	$204 38	$551 90
Amount paid out	38 40	166 11	522 21	507 60	322 10	313 00	106 60	101 00	66 30	47 55	16 22	446 80	.....	2662 89	.....	.....
Difference	.....	$43 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 00	.....	.....	.....	$498 64	$86 15	$629 32	.....	.....

To Janitor at Fresno	$5 00
To *The California Lutheran*	8 23
To Lutheran Publication Society for printing Minutes and postage	116 78
To Lutheran Publication Society, printing Postal Receipt Cards	4 75
Treasurer's Traveling Expenses	25 60
Treasurer's Expenses	5 75
Total	$166 11

Received for Synodical Treasury $166 11

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX B.—Apportionment, 1910-1911, in Even Dollars.

Churches.	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	California Church Extension.	Ministerial Education.	Totals by Congregations.
Rate per capita		.02	.11	.35	.30	.20	.20	.07	.09	.05	.03	.25	.05	.05	1.77
Alameda	42	$1	$5	$15	$13	$8	$8	$3	$4	$2	$1	$11	$2	$2	$75
Alpaugh	33	1	4	12	10	7	7	2	3	2	1	8	2	2	61
Fresno	269	5	30	94	81	54	54	19	26	13	8	67	13	13	477
Long Beach	50	1	6	18	15	10	10	4	5	3	2	13	3	3	93
Los Angeles, First	340	7	37	119	102	68	68	23	31	17	10	85	17	17	601
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	48	1	5	17	14	10	10	3	4	2	1	12	2	2	83
Oakland	78	2	9	27	23	16	16	5	7	4	2	20	4	4	139
Pasadena	66	1	7	23	20	13	13	5	6	3	2	17	3	3	116
Redlands	53	1	6	19	16	11	11	4	5	3	2	14	3	3	98
Riverside	62	1	7	22	19	12	12	4	6	3	2	16	3	3	110
Sacramento, First	130	3	14	46	39	26	26	9	11	7	4	33	7	7	232
Sacramento, German	312	6	34	109	94	62	62	22	28	16	9	78	16	16	552
Salinas	50	1	6	18	15	10	10	4	5	3	2	13	3	3	93
San Bernardino	49	1	6	17	15	10	10	3	4	2	2	12	2	2	86
San Diego	92	2	10	32	28	18	18	6	8	5	3	23	5	5	163
San Francisco, First	180	4	20	63	54	36	36	13	16	9	5	45	9	9	319
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	87	2	10	30	26	17	17	6	8	4	3	22	4	4	153
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	55	1	6	19	17	11	11	4	5	3	2	14	3	3	99
Sanger	102	2	11	36	31	20	20	7	9	5	3	26	5	5	180
San José	67	1	7	23	20	13	13	5	6	3	2	17	3	3	116
Santa Barbara	24	....	3	8	7	5	5	2	2	1	1	6	1	1	42
Totals by Objects	2189	$44	$243	$767	$659	$437	$437	$153	$199	$110	$67	$552	$110	$110	$3888

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, *Statistical Secretary.*

APPENDIX C.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	Parochial.																				Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
			Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses.	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses.	
H. S. Feix	Alameda	Christ	1	..	1	..	9	11	10	10	22	...	...	2	10	42	63	142	$4000 00	.....	$484 15	$139 50	1
J. J. Chambers	Alpaugh	First	1	..	2	..	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	32	...	33	33	43	315 00	.....	235 00	165 80	2
W. J. Roehmer	Fresno	Wartburg	1	..	...	..	20	3	3	...	52	...	20	71	...	269	299	639	6000 00	$1250 00	400 00	500 00	3
D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	..	1	..	9	...	1	6	2	...	6	7	2	50	59	79	4250 00	1750 00	404 03	10 00	4
H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	First	1	..	3	2	16	5	12	2	23	1	14	26	16	340	578	740	84000 00	11900 00	3669 00	962 00	5
J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	9	...	4	5	4	...	6	9	8	48	58	90	5000 00	1724 35	589 63	397 87	6
O. H. Gruver	Oakland	First	1	..	2	..	12	1	5	25	11	3	10	2	2	78	137	171	28000 00	8000 00	1086 27	340 00	7
C. W. Weiser	Pasadena	Trinity	1	1	..	..	9	...	3	1	...	...	8	3	6	66	93	114	10000 00	2250 00	506 60	466 99	8
W. R. Swickard	Redlands	First	1	..	2	..	10	...	6	...	2	...	...	6	...	53	68	148	8000 00	.....	866 44	.....	9
R. W. Mottern	Riverside	Trinity	1	..	1	..	40	2	1	8	2	1	8	4	5	62	76	93	6000 00	.....	863 50	.....	10
W. S. Hoskinson	Sacramento	First	1	..	2	..	7	1	2	9	8	2	4	...	6	130	230	370	20000 00	2000 00	1375 00	.....	11
C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German	1	..	2	..	29	5	...	11	31	..	17	..	...	312	603	1065	50000 00	.....	4250 00	.....	12
S. W. Young	Salinas	Our Saviour	1	..	1	..	7	...	...	9	4	2	12	...	...	50	55	80	4500 00	2000 00	275 45	299 85	13
P. W. H. Frederick	San Bernardino	First	1	..	1	..	4	...	...	3	7	...	...	9	3	49	63	126	6300 00	2825 00	431 58	1094 00	14
G. H. Hillerman	San Diego	First	1	..	3	2	10	1	3	...	6	...	4	7	1	92	131	189	20000 00	2512 70	1323 21	45 35	15
W. E. Crouser	San Francisco	First	1	..	2	..	41	1	1	...	12	2	39	10	26	180	411	500	60000 00	7366 39	3644 55	1084 65	16
H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1	..	..	..	11	1	3	...	17	...	19	4	...	87	139	187	42000 00	13100 00	1856 10	926 20	17
A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1	..	..	..	10	1	...	2	15	...	17	...	3	55	107	166	16500 00	2500 00	521 40	1087 30	18
J. Gutleben	Sanger	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	15	1	2	...	14	...	5	4	...	102	102	215	2090 00	500 00	465 00	.....	19
J. E. Hoick	San José	Grace	1	..	3	..	7	...	3	10	4	...	7	1	5	67	127	168	20000 00	2500 00	940 00	275 00	20
C. H. Armstrong	Santa Barbara	Grace	1	..	1	..	2	...	1	4	1	2	2	2	...	24	40	55	7000 00	981 00	172 00	2231 00	21
Totals for 1910			21	1	30	4	277	33	60	105	238	14	198	199	93	2189	3472	5380	403955 00	63159 44	24358 91	10025 51	22
Totals for 1909			20	3	25	1	224	26	53	103	243	7	70	156	88	1927	3166	4815	370500 00	64602 84	24452 94	8363 43	23
Gain			1	..	5	3	53	7	7	2	...	7	128	43	5	262	306	565	$33455 00	.....	.....	$1662 08	24
Loss			..	2	..	..	..	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	$1443 40	$94 03	.....	25

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	DUES. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	6	120	$82 15	$8 20	3	38	$122 00	$1 20	$2 60	$4 00	$8 00	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	$8 00	$11 00	.....	.....	$2 00	.....	$43 50	$81 10	$704 75
2	..	....	....	.....	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	18 50	5 00	$5 00	$4 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	$2 00	1 00	.....	.....	38 50	439 30
3	1	15	200	55 00	.....	1	48	15 00	.....	2 00	10 00	24 90	10 00	4 40	4 00	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	$1 00	.....	66 30	966 30
4	1	11	61	75 99	15 22	1	18	10 45	.....	1 00	5 00	14 51	10 00	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	3 00	$3 22	3 00	2 00	1 00	12 00	72 73	486 76
5	1	34	334	410 00	161 00	3	79	58 00	190 00	6 00	42 00	234 00	221 00	161 00	65 00	.....	314 00	23 00	13 00	26 00	16 00	13 00	475 00	1609 00	6240 00
6	1	10	95	67 90	23 00	1	12	7 70	5 80	1 00	4 00	22 00	10 00	10 00	8 00	.....	27 46	3 00	.....	3 00	2 00	1 00	15 00	106 46	1093 96
7	1	17	101	234 56	60 59	..	....	6 81	.....	2 00	10 00	53 00	24 00	24 00	19 00	.....	16 94	7 00	.....	8 00	5 00	2 00	.....	170 94	1597 21
8	1	5	65	35 30	36 00	1	22	.....	2 00	1 00	7 00	35 00	16 00	16 00	13 00	.....	36 00	4 00	.....	5 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	139 00	1112 59
9	1	16	110	115 23	15 00	2	25	.....	5 00	1 00	7 00	30 00	13 00	14 00	10 00	.....	69 45	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	2 00	20 00	174 45	1040 89
10	1	15	65	118 50	18 94	1	25	23 00	7 00	1 00	5 00	30 00	12 00	61 00	9 00	.....	74 00	3 00	5 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	24 00	233 00	1096 50
11	1	14	100	56 42	30 78	1	23	51 00	15 00	3 00	10 00	72 00	15 00	19 00	10 00	.....	43 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	213 00	1588 00
12	1	22	240	395 00	167 00	1	92	225 00	25 00	6 00	34 00	171 00	78 00	78 00	62 00	.....	237 00	22 00	.....	25 00	16 00	10 00	150 00	889 00	5139 00
13	1	5	58	24 75	18 60	1	25	55 00	10 20	1 00	6 00	28 00	13 00	13 00	10 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 00	3 00	1 00	82 00	165 00	740 30
14	1	11	115	32 00	8 00	1	32	20 00	.....	1 00	4 00	8 00	.....	5 00	8 00	.....	39 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	1590 58
15	1	12	179	138 01	55 62	2	48	8 75	18 00	2 00	12 00	59 00	27 00	56 00	21 00	.....	44 25	7 00	.....	9 00	5 00	2 10	19 00	263 35	1631 91
16	1	20	147	343 88	44 35	1	48	56 65	9 35	2 00	12 00	58 00	26 00	26 00	21 00	.....	53 90	7 00	.....	8 00	5 00	2 00	262 50	483 40	5212 60
17	1	14	72	185 25	15 00	1	52	208 85	.....	1 00	7 00	31 00	10 00	18 50	14 00	.....	43 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	126 00	2908 30
18	1	4	34	77 10	13 30	..	....	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	21 00	8 00	10 00	6 00	.....	21 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	72 05	1680 75
19	1	8	75	45 00	.....	..	....	.....	.....	1 00	13 30	9 15	3 70	9 20	3 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	42 35	507 35
20	1	8	80	81 00	23 00	2	35	100 00	9 00	1 00	7 00	37 00	17 00	16 00	13 00	.....	64 00	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	1 00	15 00	184 00	1399 00
21	..	....	....	.....	.....	..	....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00	15 00	7 00	6 00	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	43 00	2446 00
22	19	247	2251	2573 04	713 60	23	622	968 21	297 55	37 60	208 30	979 06	527 70	562 10	313 00	.....	1096 55	116 00	21 22	113 00	67 00	41 10	1155 00	5237 63	39622 05
23	20	243	1942	2300 49	657 99	..	406	575 40	231 96	33 50	148 11	908 63	450 80	470 30	287 95	.....	994 87	98 13	4 40	110 39	66 95	34 26	951 27	4559 56	37375 93
24	..	4	309	272 55	55 61	23	216	392 81	65 59	4 10	60 19	70 43	76 90	91 80	25 05	.....	101 68	17 87	16 82	2 61	05	6 84	203 73	678 07	2246 12
25	1	....	....	.....	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, *Statistical Secretary.*

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PROCEEDINGS of the NINETEENTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD IN ST. MATTHEW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
(REV. H. GEHRCKE, Pastor),
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APRIL 5 TO 8, 1910.

FIRST SESSION.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APRIL 6, 1910, 9.30 A. M.

The convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ball, who read Acts 9, after which Mrs. Hoick led in prayer.

Mrs. Boyken, of San Francisco, made the address of welcome, to which Mrs. Hill, of Redlands, responded.

After the singing of "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," the delegates presented their credentials and roll was called as follows:

Oakland—Miss Flathmann, Mrs. Hager.

Sacramento (English)—Mrs. Snyder (*a. e.*).

Sacramento (German)—Miss Stuber, Mrs. Ochener, Mrs. Lothamer (*a. e.*).

Sacramento (German Y. P. S. C. E.)—Miss Oehler.

San José—Mrs. Hoick, Mrs. Smith.

Los Angeles (First)—Mrs. Dockstader.

Los Angeles (St. Mark's)—Mrs. Ball.

San Francisco (First)—Mrs. Everding, Mrs. Crouser.

San Francisco—(St. Matthew's)—Mrs. Boyken.

San Francisco (St. Andrew's)—Mrs. Jatho.

Riverside—Mrs. Reimer (*a. e.*).

Redlands—Mrs. Hill.

Santa Barbara—Mrs. Armstrong.

San Diego—Mrs. Hillerman (*a. e.*).

San Bernardino—Mrs. Bond.

The rules of order were read, and the President's Report presented.

President's Report.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Greeting:

One year ago you called me to your service, and, while at the time it seemed impossible for me to serve you, it also seemed impossible to secure anyone else. I have done my best, and if I have failed in any particular it has been through ignorance of what was expected.

The following items should be carefully noted:

FINANCES.

The finances for the year show an increase in the grand total, in spite of the fact that there was no special collection this year to take the place of that taken during the visit of Mrs. Breckenridge and Mrs. Shaffer.

The Thank-offering shows an increase of only a few cents. We want to grow along this line of giving as our numbers and interest increase.

The India Bed Fund fell below last year, but we were still above the $50.00 mark, which is the amount expected of this Synodical society.

LIFE MEMBERS.

We are glad to note six new life members for the year. For the benefit of any society in which the question may arise, I quote the following decision, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer being my authority. "Life membership is retained in the society in which it was secured." This saves much confusion.

NEW SOCIETIES.

We are sorry not to have any new societies to report, though Alpaugh and Long Beach are working in that direction. We are sorry to note that the Helpers' Circle, of Redlands, has disbanded.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

St. Mark's, Los Angeles, has adopted a plan whereby the average attendance at the meetings has been raised from 4 to 24. The meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month, in the evening. All of the members and friends of the church are invited. The hour from eight to nine is devoted to the missionary program. Each person present is given something to do, either read a Scripture reference or some short article on the subject for the evening. After the program a social time is enjoyed. Games

are played and light refreshments are served. The latter are supplied by those who attend, so it works no hardship upon the hostess of the evening. To be sure, many who attend are visitors, but, having come once, they are anxious to come again, and we hope in time that at least some may become permanently interested and led to unite with the church who might otherwise remain indifferent.

I thank you all for your hearty, loyal support during the last year. I thank especially Mrs. Hoick and Mrs. Hillerman for so kindly coming to my assistance whenever help was asked, solving the problems with their helpful suggestions.

Let us, with the help of our heavenly Father, strive to make the coming year better in every way than any of the nineteen years just past.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. W. BALL.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Miss Stuber.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Membership. Total, not including Life and Home Department Members.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Home Department.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	The King's Message.	Number of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.
San Francisco, German	1895	42	42	....	....	....	....		....	1	.....
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	1908	41	41	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
San Diego	1893	14	13	1	....	2	...	17	....	..	.....
Los Angeles, First Church	1887	29	29	...	....	2	....	25	100	..	.....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1908	14	14	....	....	....	....	5	....	..	.....
Riverside	1897	28	22	6	....	2	....	11	40	..	.....
Redlands	1905	20	16	4	....	9	....	6	25	..	.....
San Bernardino	1907	29	28	1	....	....	....	9	....	..	.....
San José	1892	15	15	....	....	2	....	12	....	..	.....
Pasadena	1904	23	19	4	....	....	22	5	4	..	.....
Oakland	1895	9	9	....	....	1	....	10	....	..	.....
Sacramento, English	1892	15	14	1	.. .	2	....	12	....	..	.....
Sacramento, German	1892	122	100	14	8	3	....	10	....	1	$10 00
San Francisco, First Church	1891	22	20	2	....	. ..	....	9	....	..	.....
Fresno, German	1909	48	48	....	...	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Santa Barbara	1907	19	14	5	....	....	....	....	25	..	.....
Young People's Societies.											
Redlands, Helpers' Circle disbanded	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Los Angeles, A. F. C. Mission Band	1907	27	27	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Total, 1910	....	607	471	38	8	23	22	127	194	2	$10 00
Total, 1909	....	384	331	31	22	20	26	123	125	..	.....
Gain	....	223	140	7	....	3	....	4	69	2	$10 00
Loss	....	.....	....	...	14	...	4	....	....	..	.....

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of Treasurer.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	India Bed Fund.	May Memorial Fund.	Thirtieth Anniversary Fund.	India Nursery Fund.	St. Thomas' Mission.	Education of Girl in India.	Long Beach Mission.	Life Membership.	Thank-Offering.	Christmas Offering.	Alpaugh Mission.	San Bernardino Mission.	Synodical Fund and Tracts.	Total.
Balance, March 20th, 1909	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$117 60	$117 60
Offering at Convention, April 22d and 23d, 1909	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 61	13 61
Offering at Southern Conference, Oct. 26th, 1909	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 10	6 10
Berkeley	$5 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 56
Fresno	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Los Angeles (First Church)	40 00	$6 00	$2 20	$5 00	.....	$10 00	$25 00	.....	.....	$60 00	$7 00	.....	.....	6 00	161 20
Los Angeles (A. F. C. Mission Band)	15 45	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	5 00	.....	$5 00	$10 00	23 37	5 00	.....	.....	.....	68 82
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	11 87	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 92
Oakland	7 65	80	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 74	.....	.....	.....	1 50	18 69
Pasadena	14 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	38 00
Pasadena (Y. W. M. S.)	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Redlands	15 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	27 00	6 00	.....	.....	4 25	67 25
Redlands (Helpers' Circle)	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Riverside	16 00	4 45	.....	.....	.....	3 15	.....	.....	10 00	20 55	4 35	.....	.....	6 75	65 25
Riverside (Helpers' Circle)	5 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 97
Sacramento (English)	9 00	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00	3 00	.....	.....	4 00	40 00
Sacramento (English C. E.)	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Sacramento (German)	80 00	10 00	.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	15 00	10 00	.....	$2 50	15 00	157 50
Sacramento (German C. E.)	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
San Bernardino	8 55	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 03	1 70	.....	.....	2 00	40 68
San Diego	10 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	$2 50	.....	2 75	44 25
San Francisco (First English)	20 75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 05	.....	.....	.....	4 25	41 05
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	17 25	.....	.....	2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 05
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	23 50	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	34 25
San José	13 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	64 00
Interest on deposit for two years	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 69	2 69
Amount received	$345 30	$52 40	$2 20	$22 10	$12 00	$26 15	$25 00	$10 00	$60 00	$265 49	$37 05	$2 50	$2 50	$199 75	$1062 44
Amount remitted	345 30	52 40	2 20	22 10	12 00	26 15	25 00	10 00	60 00	265 49	37 05	2 50	2 50	.....	862 69
Amount in Treasury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$199 75	$199 75

Financial Report, 1909 and 1910.

Receipts.

March 20th, 1909. To balance		$117 60
April 22d and 23d, 1909. Offering at Convention		13 61
October 26th, 1909. Offering at Southern Conference	$6 10	
General Fund	345 30	
India Bed Fund	52 40	
May Memorial Fund	2 20	
Thirtieth Anniversary Fund	22 10	
India Nursery Fund	12 00	
St. Thomas' Mission	26 15	
Education of Girl in India	25 00	
Long Beach Mission	10 00	
Life Membership	60 00	
Thank-offering	265 49	
Christmas Offering	37 05	
Alpaugh Mission	2 50	
San Bernardino Mission	2 50	
Synodical Fund and Tracts	59 75	
Interest on deposit for two years	2 69	
		931 23
		$1062 44

Expenditures.

Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer:		
By General Fund	$345 30	
By India Bed Fund	52 40	
By May Memorial Fund	2 20	
By India Nursery Fund	12 00	
By St. Thomas' Mission	26 15	
By Education of Girl in India	25 00	
By Long Beach Mission	10 00	
By Life Membership	60 00	
By Thank offering	265 49	
By Christmas Offering	37 05	
By Alpaugh Mission	2 50	
By San Bernardino Mission	2 50	
		$840 59
Mrs. O. H. Gruver, Delegate:		
By Thirtieth Anniversary Fund		22 10
Synodical Expenses:		
By President, for Stationery, Postage, etc.	5 00	
By President, for 200 Programs	3 00	
By Delegates' Expenses to General Convention	70 00	
By Mrs. Reimer, for Treasurer's Book	1 40	
By Corresponding Secretary	2 50	
By Vice-President, for Traveling Expenses	10 10	
By Treasurer of California Synod, for Extra Printing	10 00	
By Treasurer	4 00	
By Expressage on Treasurer's Book to Riverside	45	
		106 45
By Balance		93 30
		$1062 44

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J. F. Reimer, *Treasurer.*

The President appointed Mrs. Dockstader to act as Treasurer during the sessions.

The report of the Literature Committee showed faithful work.

The report of the Thank-offering Secretary was read and showed an increase over last year.

The Historian presented her report as follows:

Historian's Report.

Your Historical Collection consists of the following books and magazines:

Complete file of the minutes of the California Synod and Missionary Conventions. Bound.

Complete file of the minutes of the General Conventions. Bound in 3 vols.

Book containing pictures of all our California church buildings. Exterior and interior.

Book containing programs of all California Synodical Conventions.

Book containing photographs of all California Synodical Presidents.

Lutheran Woman's Work, 1908-1909. Bound.

Missionary Journals for the last five years they were published.

Life of Mrs. A. V. Hamma.

Guntur Mission Reports.

Tracts.

List of Life Members in California.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK.

Letters of greeting were read from Mrs. Reimer, the State Treasurer, Mrs. Miller, the General Treasurer, and Mrs. Krechting.

The President appointed the following committees:

President's Report—Mrs. Hoick, Mrs. Armstrong.
Auditing Committee—Mrs. Dockstader, Mrs. Bond.
Resolutions—Miss Stuber, Mrs. Hill.
Letters and Papers—Mrs. Everding, Mrs. Hager.

Reporters.

Observer—Mrs. Crouser.
World—Miss Oehler.

California Lutheran—Mrs. Hoick.
Zionsbote—Miss Stuber.

Rev. Feix, of Alameda, spoke in the interests of the *California Lutheran.*

An offering of $3.05 was received.

Adjourned with use of Missionary Benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 P. M.

Convention was called together, "Joy to the World" was sung. Miss Stuber conducted the devotions.

Minutes were read and approved and roll was called.

The Delegates' Hour was devoted to the topic, "What we have done this year that may be helpful to others." All the delegates present responded.

The report of the Dixon Convention was read by the delegate, Mrs. Gruver.

The Mission Study Course was presented in a paper by Mrs. Hoick.

"Our Young People and Missions" was ably presented by Miss Stuber and called forth some discussion.

The Secretary was directed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Hoskinson, expressing the convention's sorrow for the great sickness in her family.

A letter of sympathy was also directed to be sent to Mrs. Burnett by the Corresponding Secretary.

Convention adjourned, with the Missionary Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

Opening service was conducted by the President of Synod.

Rev. W. J. Roehmer made the missionary address in German.

The anniversary address on "In the March of the Kingdom" was sent by Dr. Hoskinson, and delivered by Rev. Armstrong.

The offering amounted to $11.31.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9.30 A. M.

The President called the convention to order.

"Holy, Holy, Holy" was sung and sentence prayers offered. Mrs. Dockstader read the 84th Psalm.

Roll was called.

The Secretary read the minutes, which were approved.

"Forward Movement; a General Survey" was presented in a paper by Mrs. Sax, which was read by Mrs. Dockstader.

On motion, Mrs. Dockstader was to convey the thanks and appreciation of the convention to Mrs. Sax for her paper.

"The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Pacific Seminary" was considered in a paper by Mrs. Crouser. This called forth much discussion.

The paper, "Lutheran Forward Movement," by Mrs. Frederick, was read by Miss Stuber. On motion, the thanks of the convention were sent to Mrs. Frederick, through her husband, for her paper.

The report on the President's Address was adopted as follows:

Report on President's Address.

Your committee have carefully read the President's report, and we would call attention to the following points:

1. We appreciate the willing and earnest spirit she has manifested in performing the duties of her responsible office.

2. We rejoice in the progress that has been made both in our finances and in life members.

3. We would recommend her plan for increasing the attendance at missionary meetings.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK,
MRS. CHAS. H. ARMSTRONG.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was adopted as read:

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

1. *Resolved,* We note that God's blessing has been with us in adding to the membership roll an addition of a new society at Fresno, and the reorganization of the society at Santa Barbara.

2. *Resolved,* Financially an increase of contributions, recognizing that God in His goodness and mercy is able to keep and to hold what rightly belongs to Him.

3. *Resolved,* That we express our most hearty appreciation and thanks for the most generous hospitality extended by pastor and members of St. Matthew's Church to the convention; also to the young people for special music rendered.

4. *Resolved,* Also thanks to the members of the First Church for their entertainment at banquet given at their church to the convention.

Respectfully submitted, MISS KATE J. STUBER,
MRS. HILL.

The report of Auditing Committee was adopted.

Reports of Auditing Committees.

The Auditing Committee beg to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the Treasurer's books and report, and find them to be correct in every detail, the books having been carefully and neatly kept. The balance on hand being $93.30.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. CHAS. DOCKSTADER,
Chairman.

Your committee have examined the corresponding secretary's quarterly reports and find everything correct, and wish to congratulate the Secretary on her fidelity and efficiency.

MRS J. EVERDING,
MRS. C. H. ARMSTRONG.

On motion the following bills were ordered paid:

To Mrs. Ball, 300 programs	$3.75
To Mrs. Ball, stationery and postage	3.50
To Mrs. Ball, traveling expenses	26.00
To Miss Stuber, for sending out minutes of General Convention	2.97
To Miss Stuber, for stationery and stamps	2.03
Bill for expense of Thank-offering Secretary—Postage on boxes, letters, etc.	.50

Record book	$0.50
To Mrs. Crouser, for postage	1.70
To Mrs. Crouser, for tracts	2.30
To Mrs. Reimer, for supplies	4.00
To Mrs. Reimer, for literature	.92
To Mrs. Reimer, for expressage on treasurer's book to S. F.	.60
Total	$48.77

On motion, the convention voted fifty dollars ($50.00) toward the Pacific Seminary, when it shall be established, and ordered same to be kept in bank.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for the following officers:

President—Mrs. J. W. Ball, 1175 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles.

First Vice-President—Mrs. W. E. Crouser, 1375 Geary Street, San Francisco.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. H. J. Weaver, 1241 West 9th Street, Los Angeles.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. O. H. Gruver, 825½ 19th Street, Oakland.

Second Recording Secretary—Mrs. P. W. H. Frederick, 698 Eighth Street, San Bernardino.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Kate J. Stuber, 1523 P Street, Sacramento.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Reimer, 500 Fourteenth Street, Riverside.

Thank-Offering Secretary—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, 1140 21st Street, San Diego.

Young People's Secretary—Mrs. Charles Dockstader, 1100 West 8th Street, Los Angeles.

Historian—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, 180 East Julian Street, San José.

Literature Committee—Mrs. S. E. Smith, San José.

Miss Kate J. Stuber was unanimously elected delegate to the next General Convention, and Mrs. Ball was elected alternate.

Mrs. Hoick spoke in behalf of the use of the missionary topics for each month.

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet in San Diego next spring.

Delegates used the Missionary Benediction in adjourning.

MRS. GRUVER,
Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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